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# **FIRE SENSE: INFRASONIC WILDFIRE DETECTION SENSOR**

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# PROBLEM STATEMENT & PAST WORK

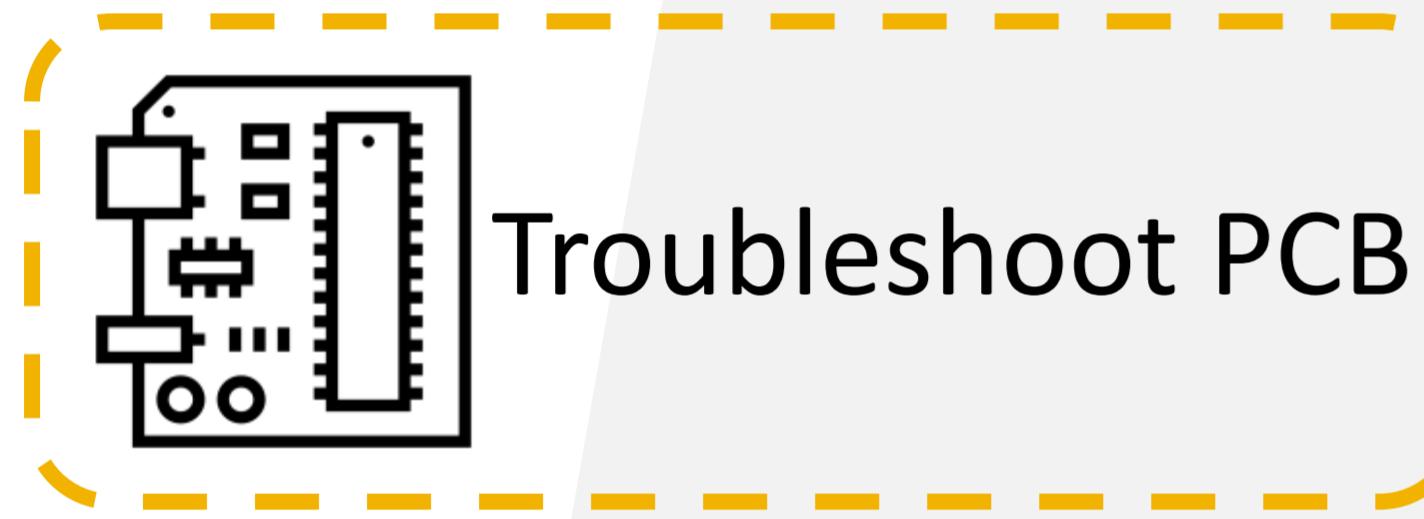
## DETECTING FIRES USING INFRASOUND

- Early detection to expedite response times
  - Sensors to identify low frequency signatures
- ⑩ Infrasound: <20Hz

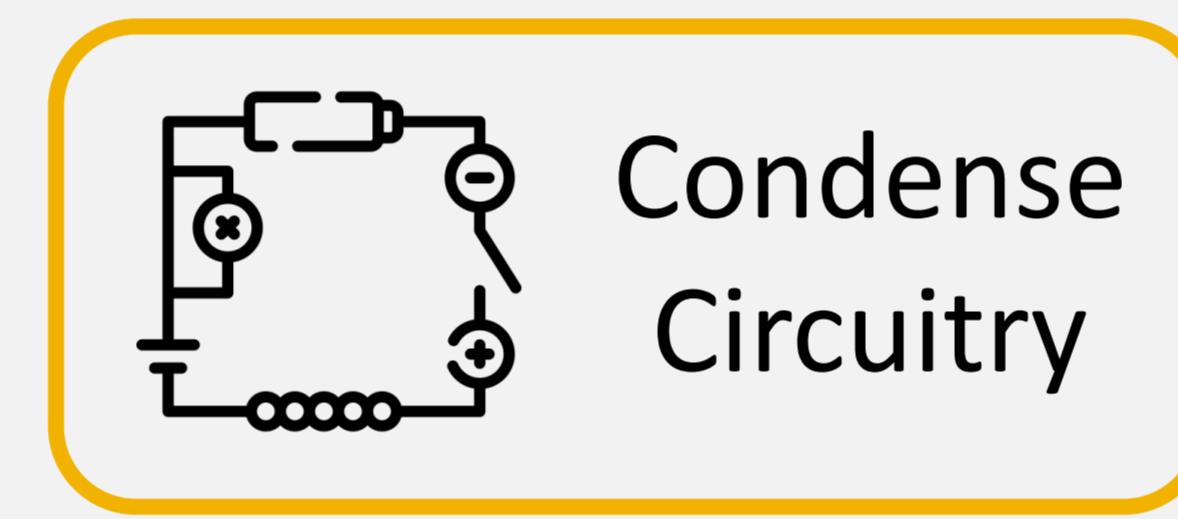


- Past teams prioritized proof of concept work:
  - PVC enclosure with a parachute delivery method
  - Signal filter & mesh network development

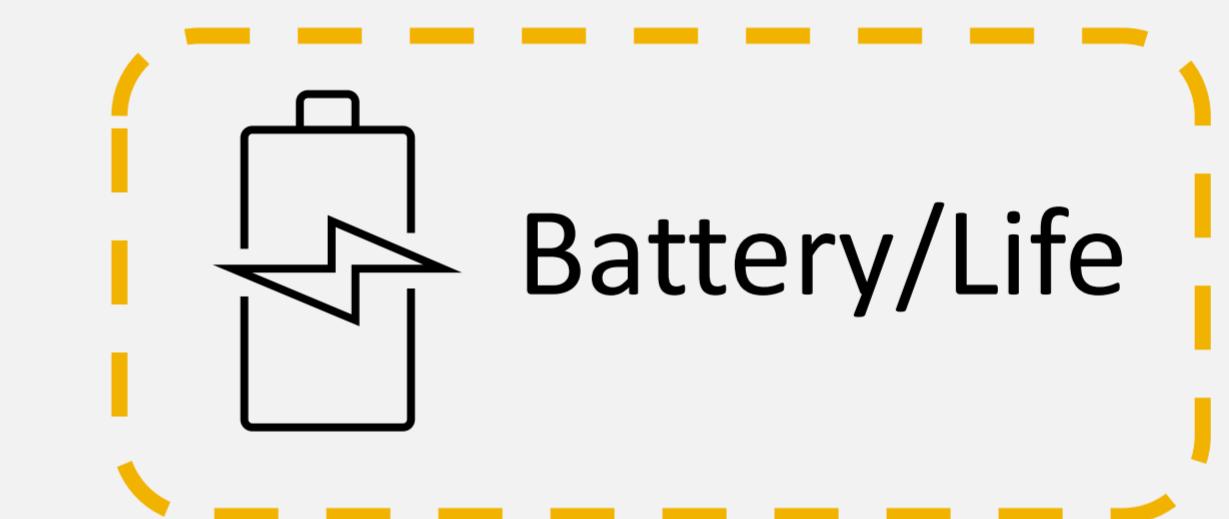
# PLAN & OBJECTIVES MOVING FORWARD



Troubleshoot PCB



Condense  
Circuitry



Battery/Life



Networking  
Communications



Signal  
Identification  
/Analysis

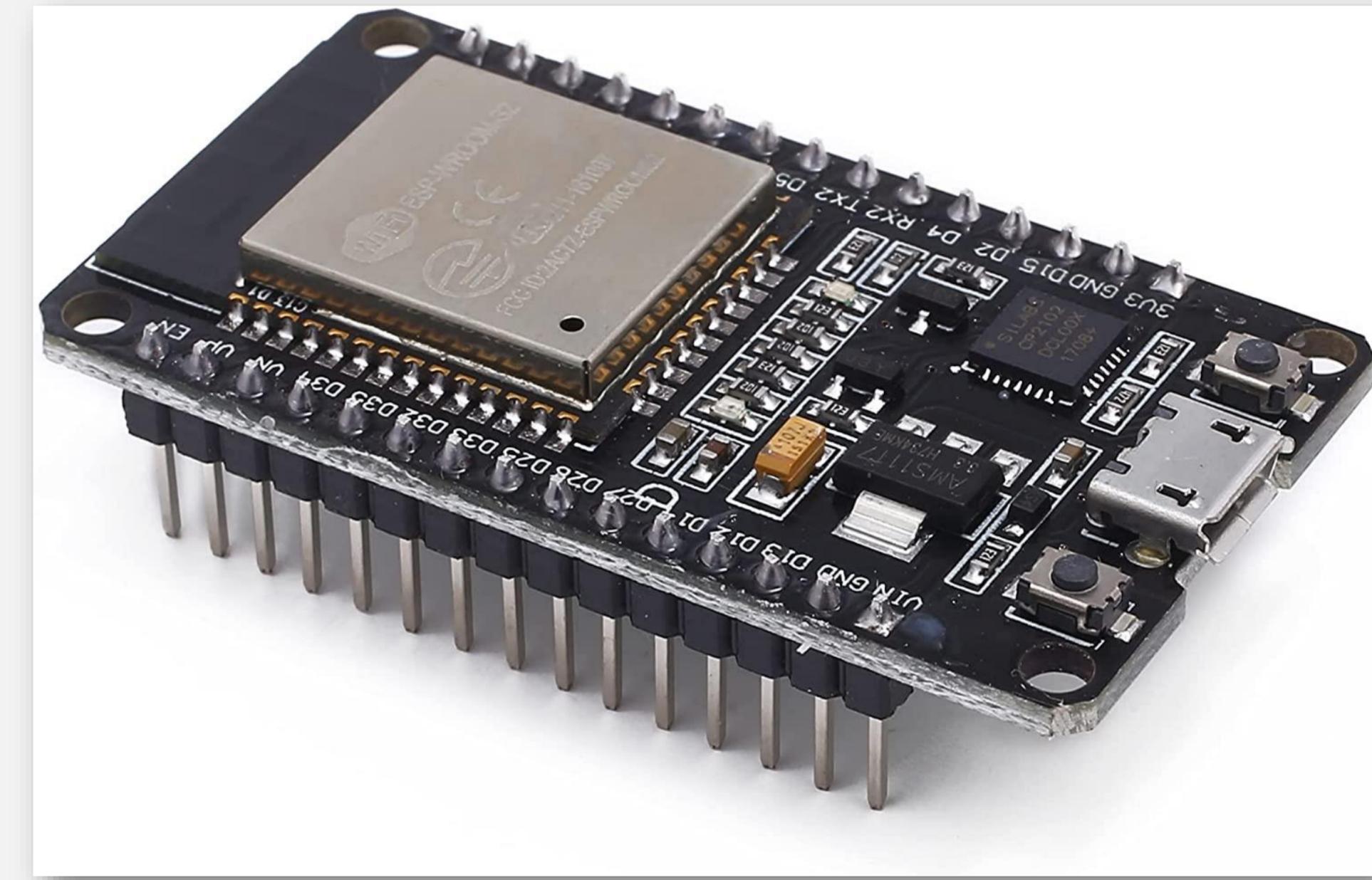
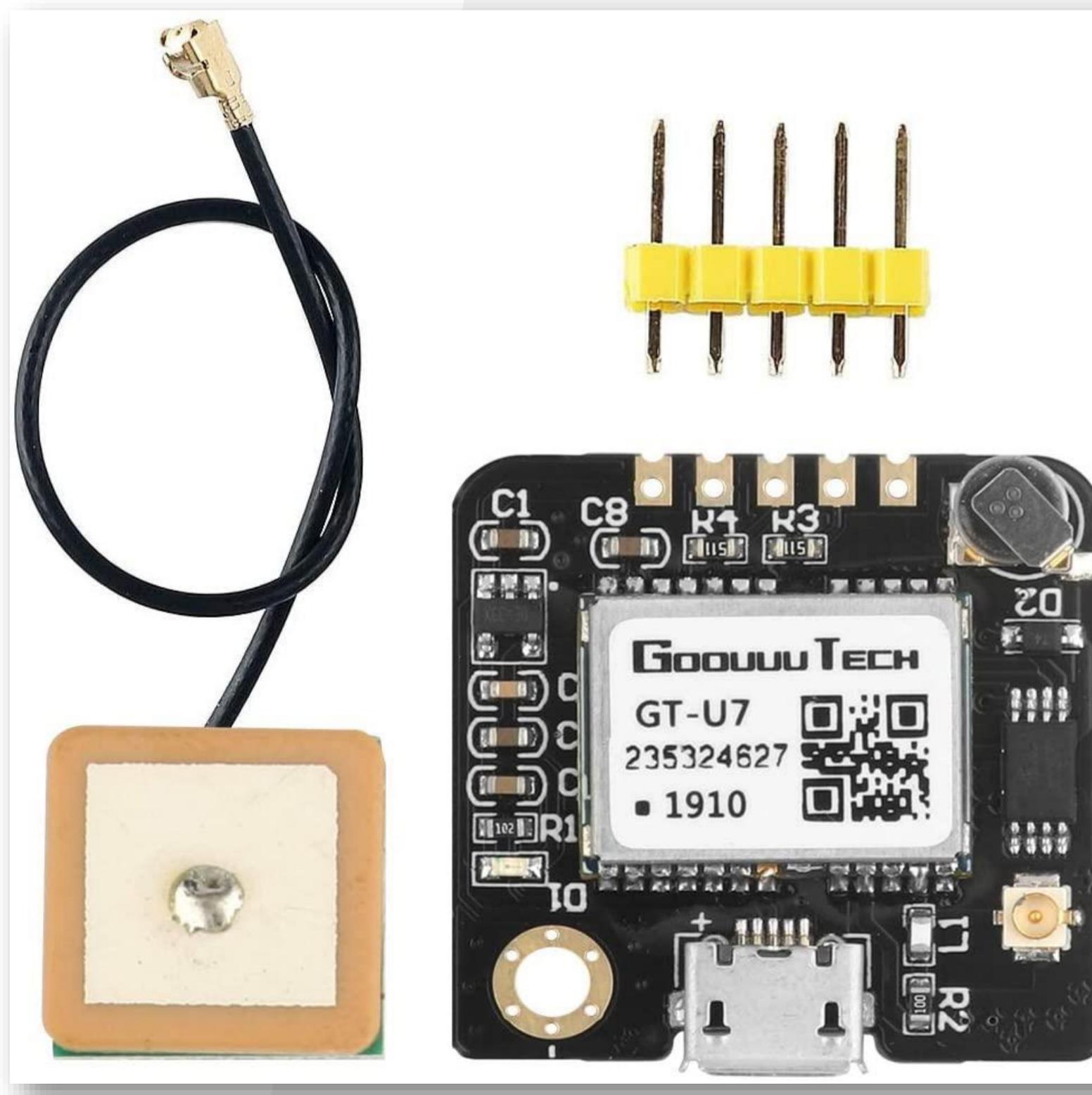


Payload Design  
/Delivery

# PCB DESIGN

# REQUIRED COMPONENTS

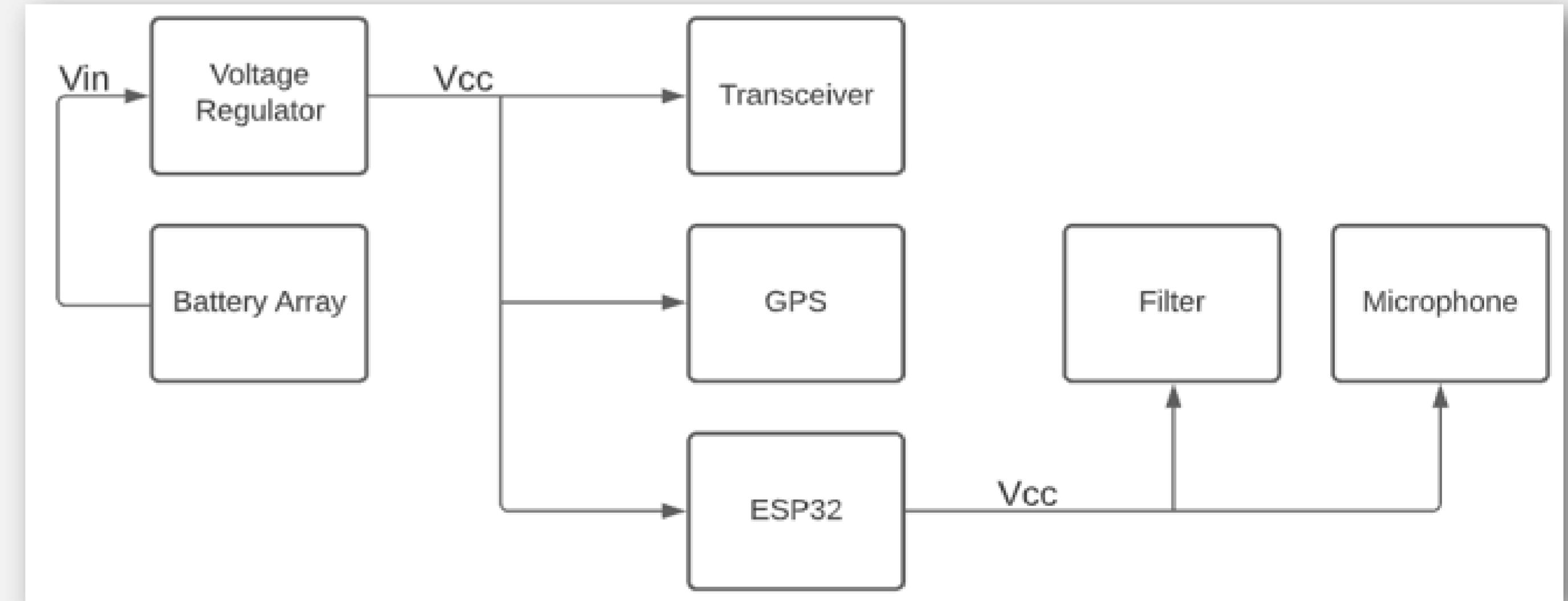
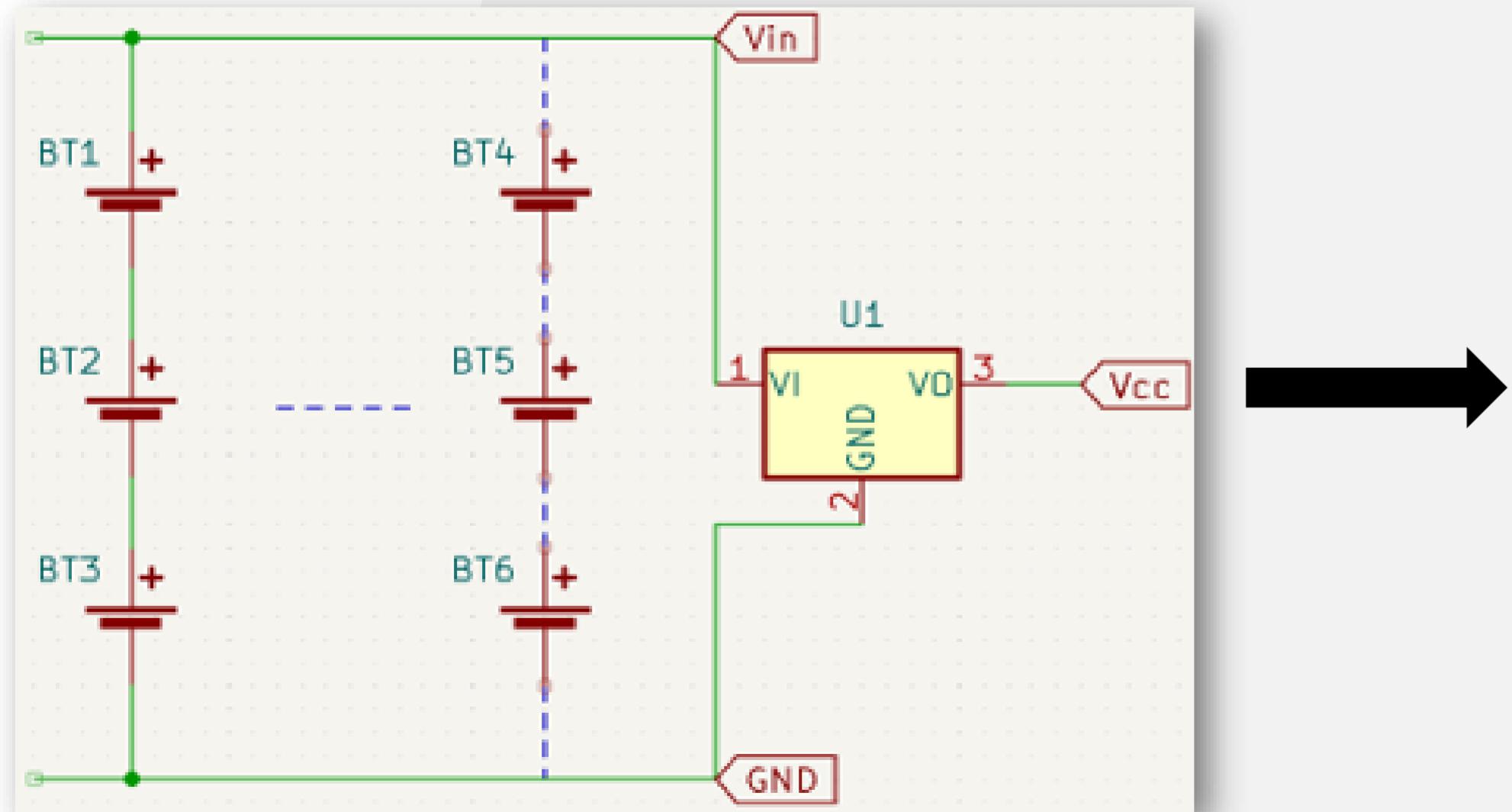
- GPS – Node Location
- Microphone – Audio Input
- Signal Filtering – Chebyshev Type I



- Microcontroller – Processing
- Radio – Message Transmission
- Batteries – System Power

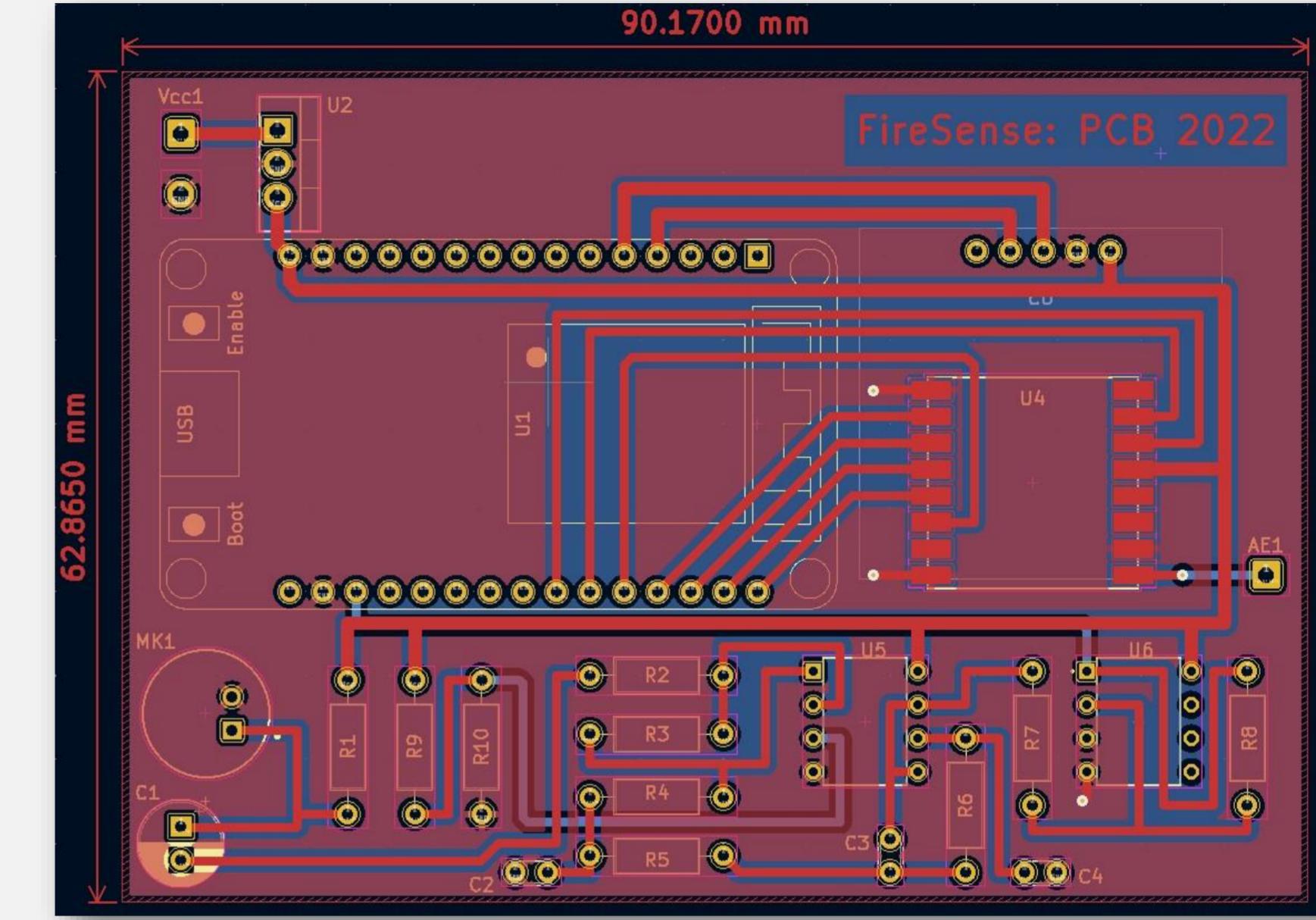
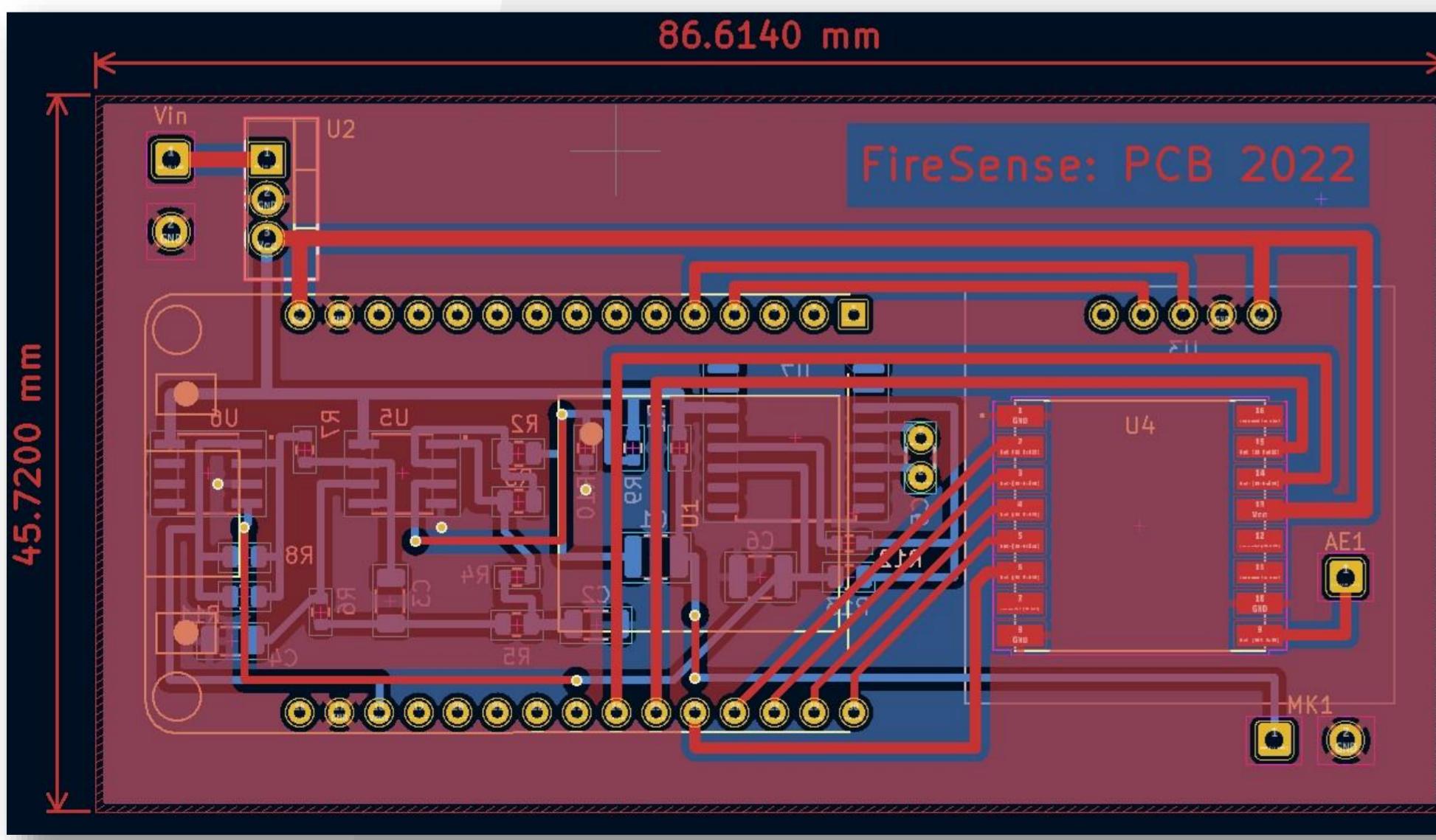
# BATTERY/POWER MANAGEMENT

- Zinc Air:
  - Size: 11.6mm x 5.4mm
  - Voltage: 1.45V (Nominal)
  - Capacity: 600 mAh



# PCB MANUFACTURING

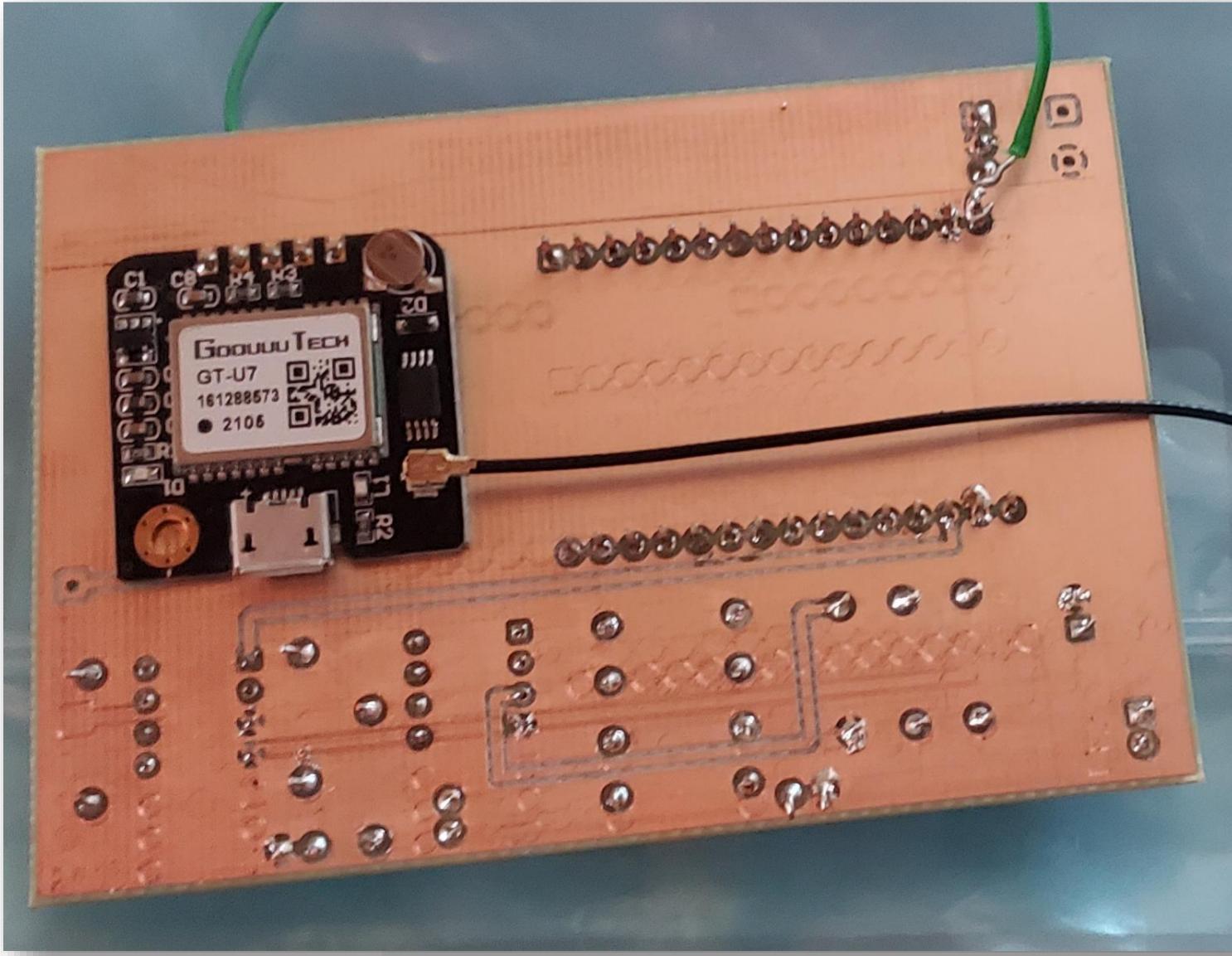
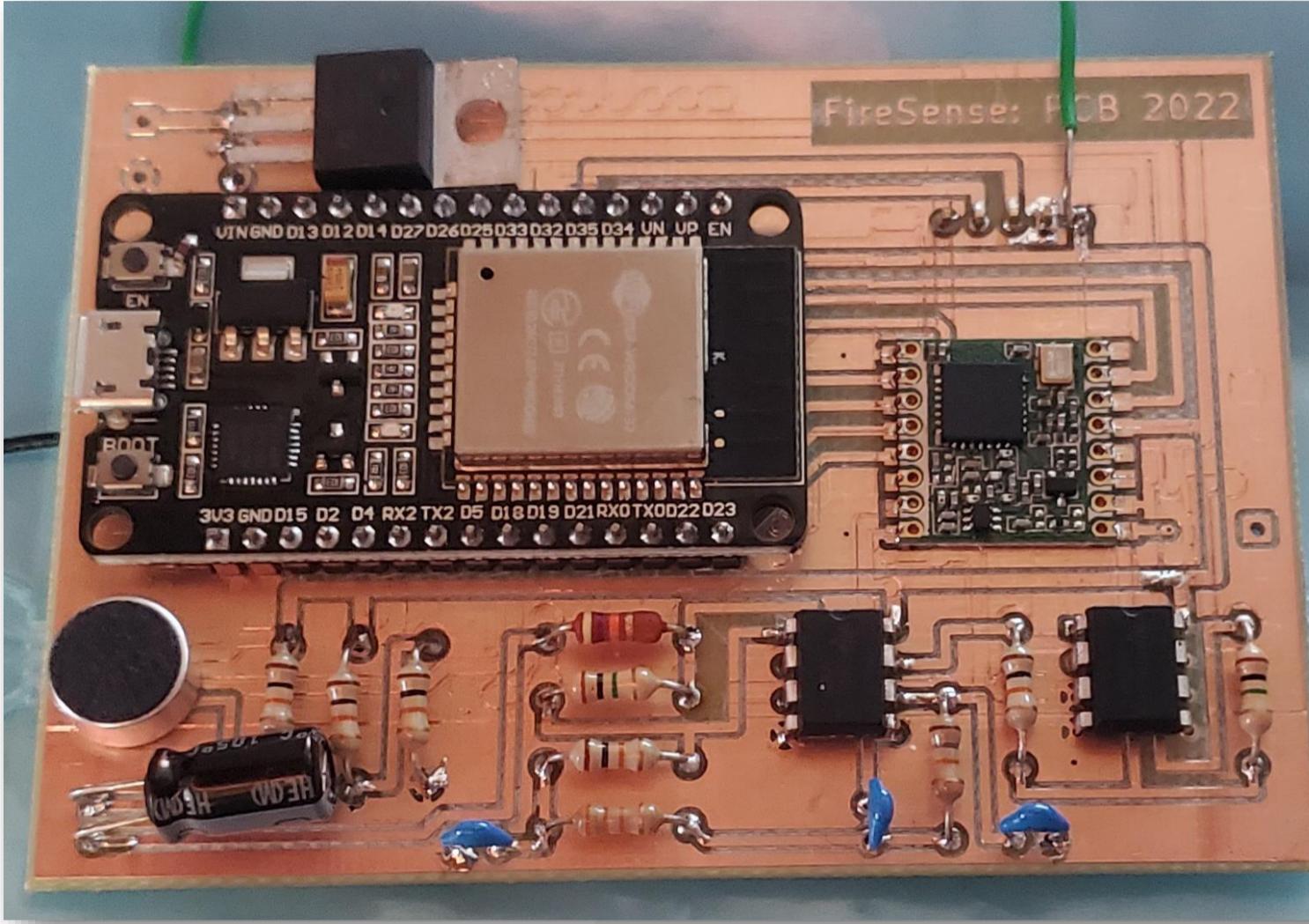
- PCB v1: THT Design
  - Version 1 of the PCB using through hole filter components
  - Non-plated through holes



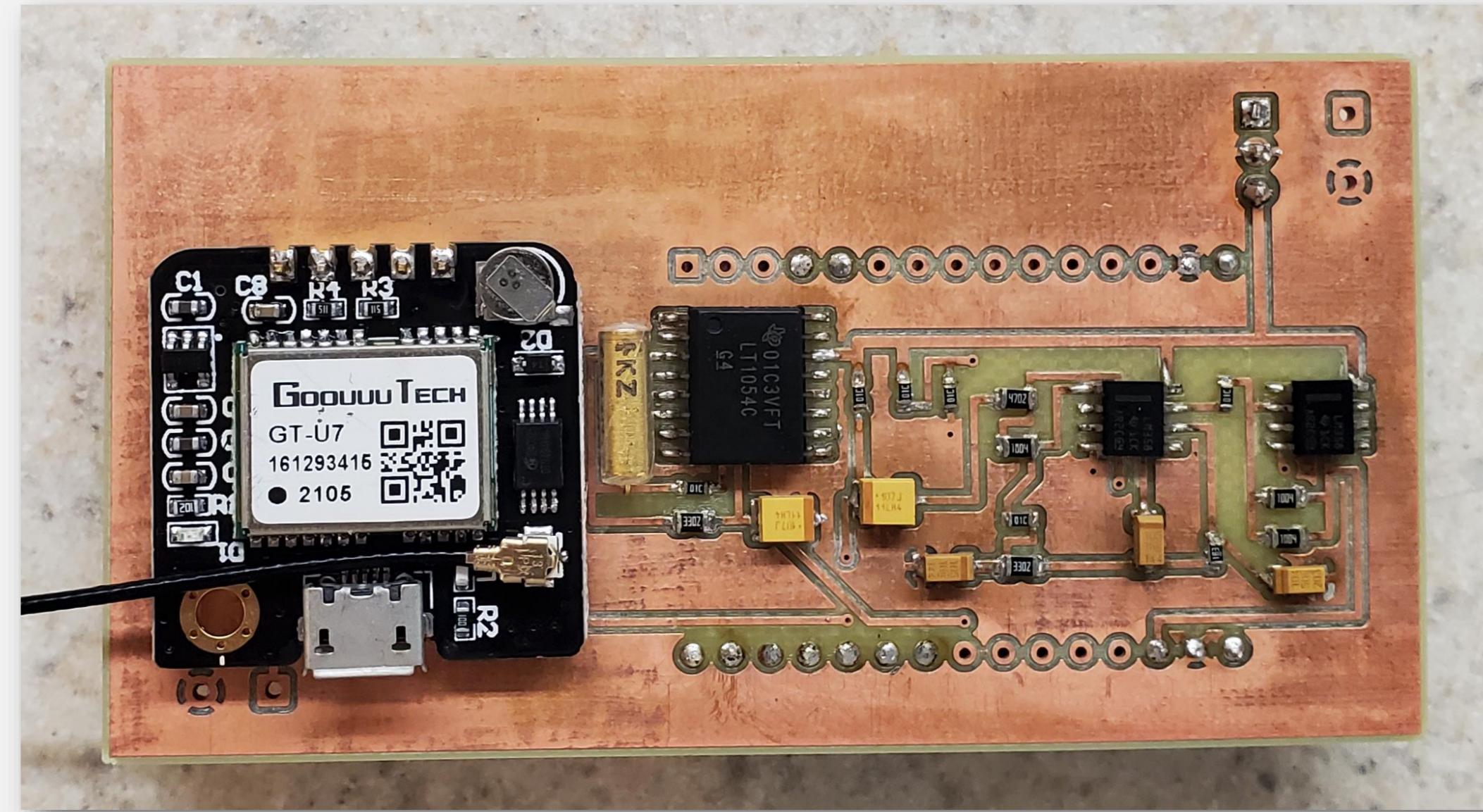
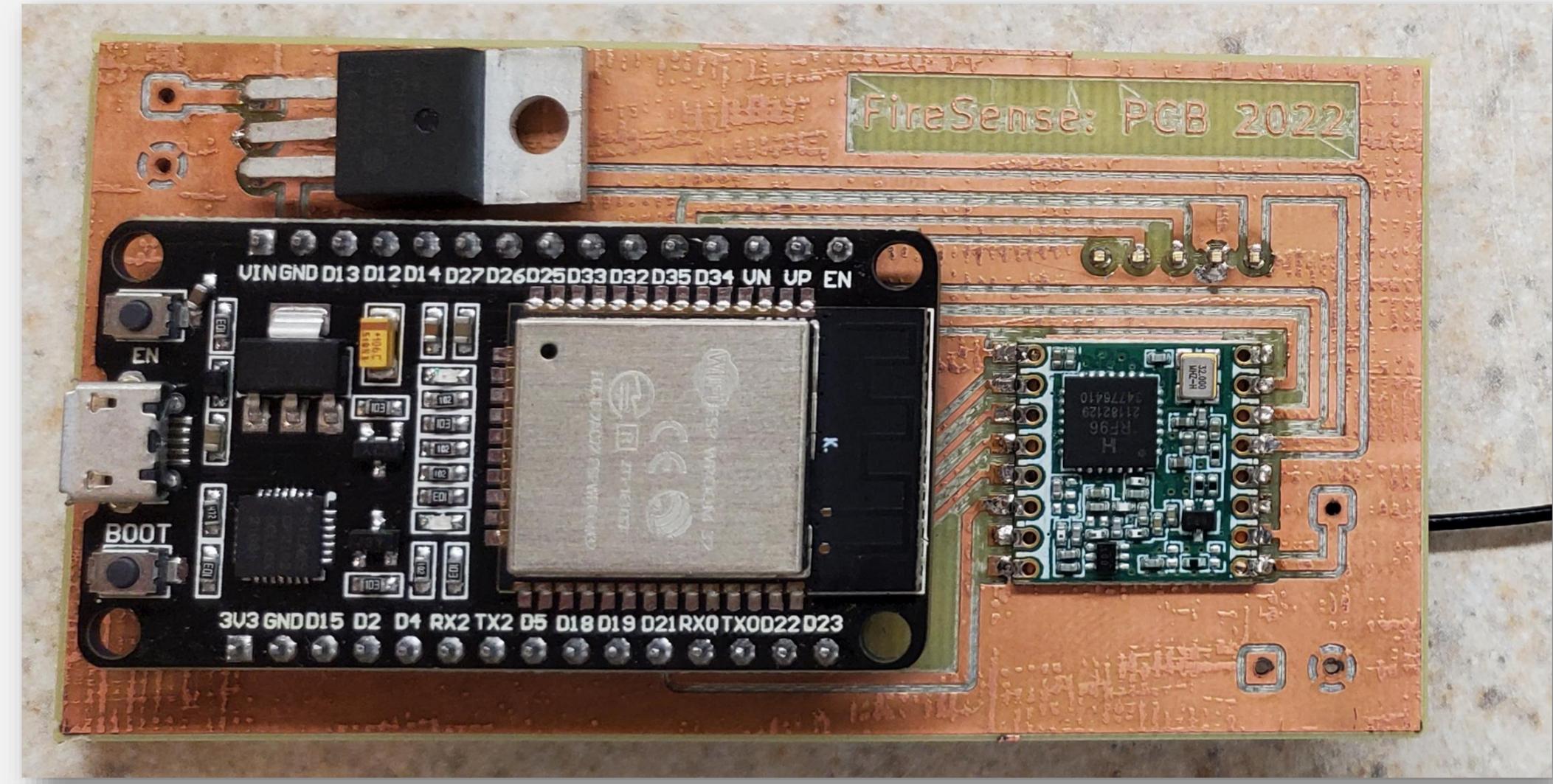
- PCB v2: SMT Design
  - Version 2 of the PCB optimized using surface mount filter components
  - 30% size reduction from PCB v1

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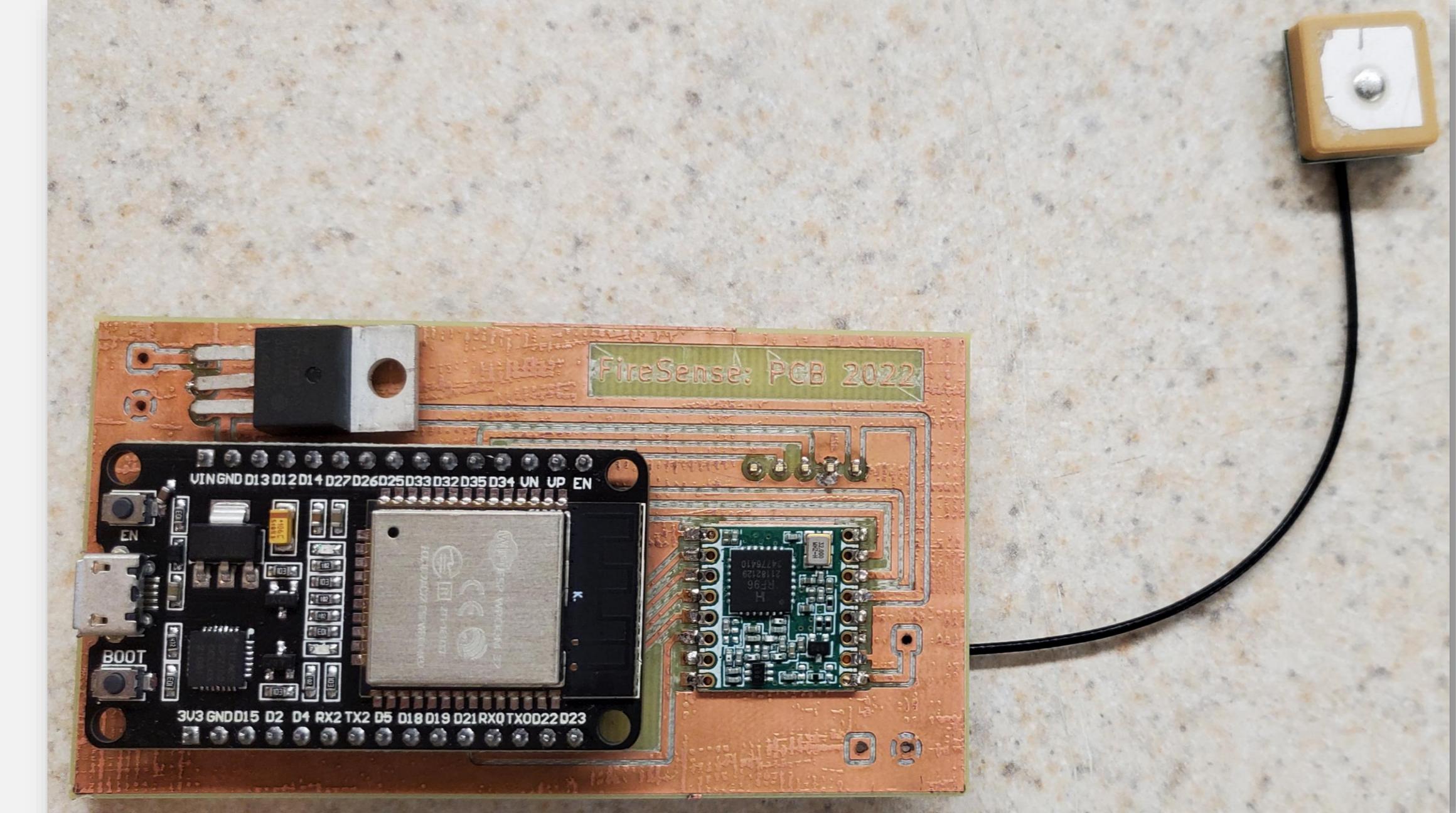


PCB v2:

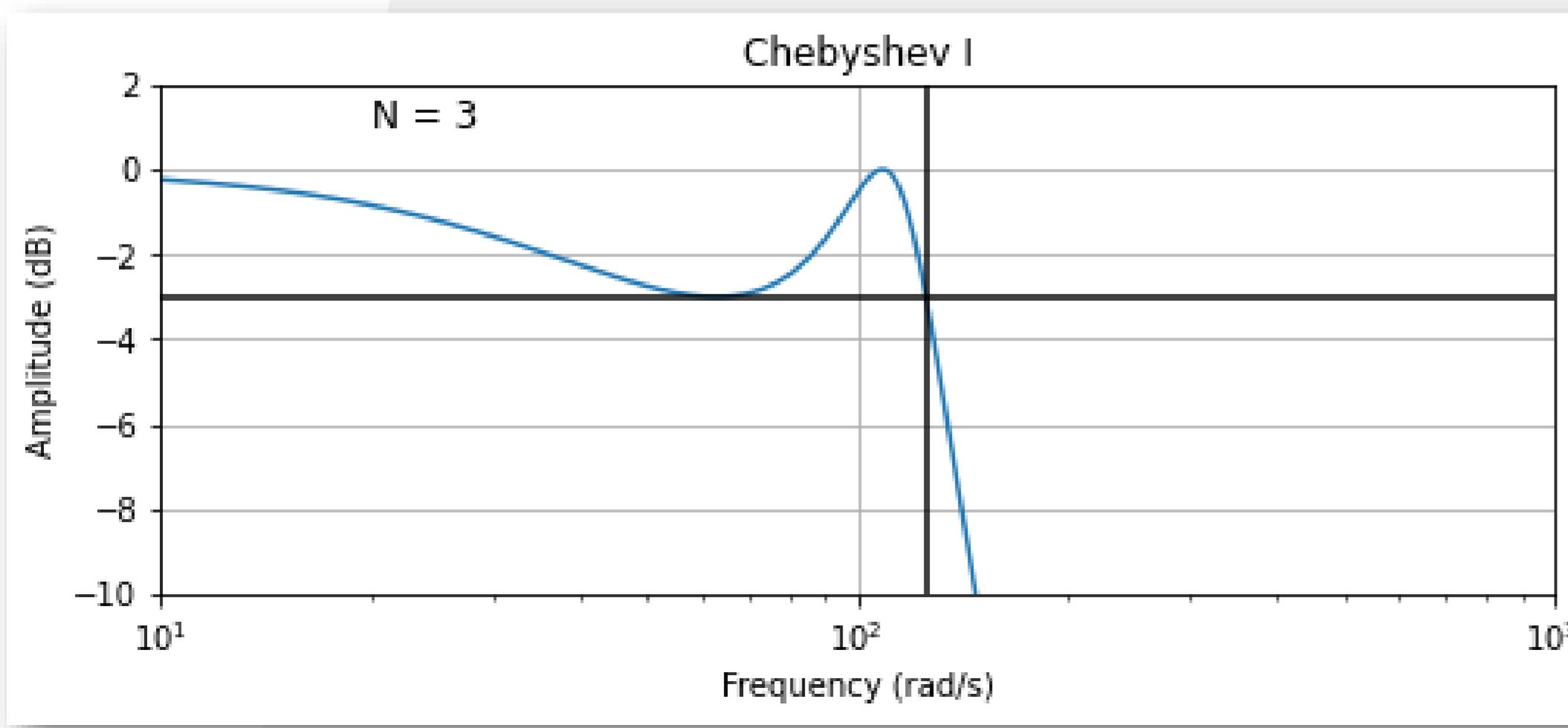
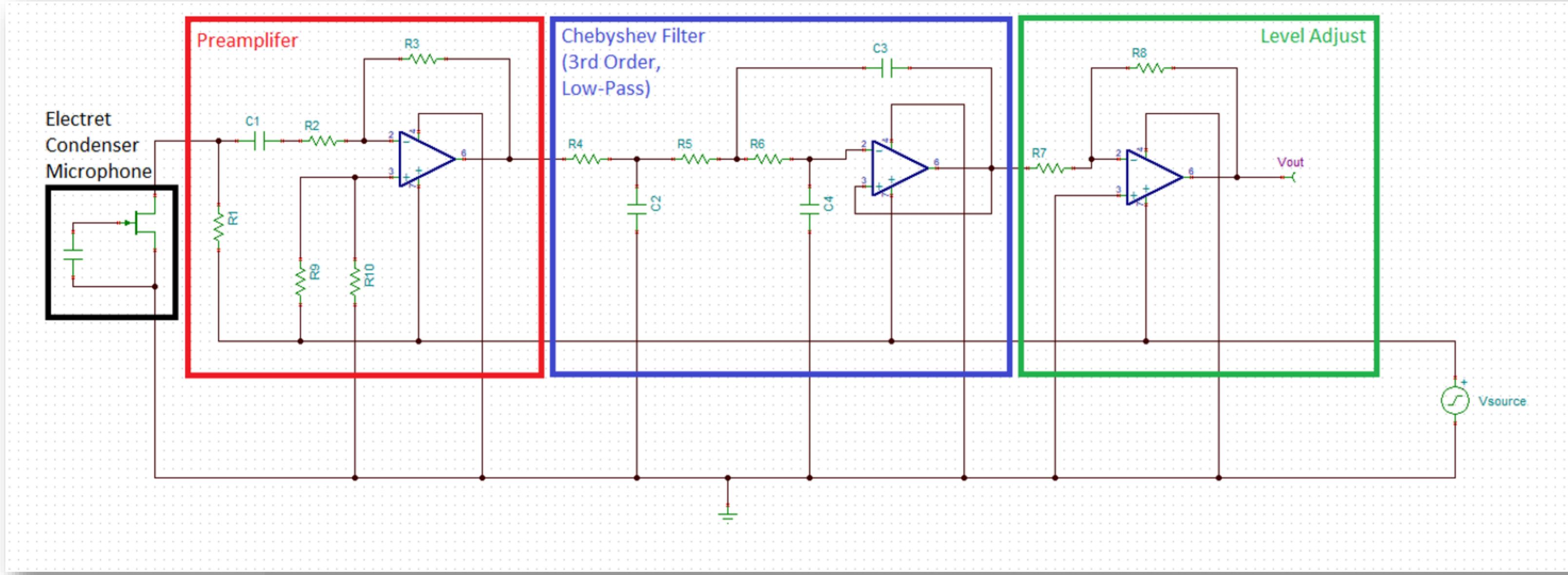


# ELECTRONICS PER-UNIT COST

- Previous team's components averaged \$50 per unit.
  - Current component selection has reduced this cost to an average of \$32 per unit.
    - Reducing per-unit cost by 36%
- ⑩ High functionality development board



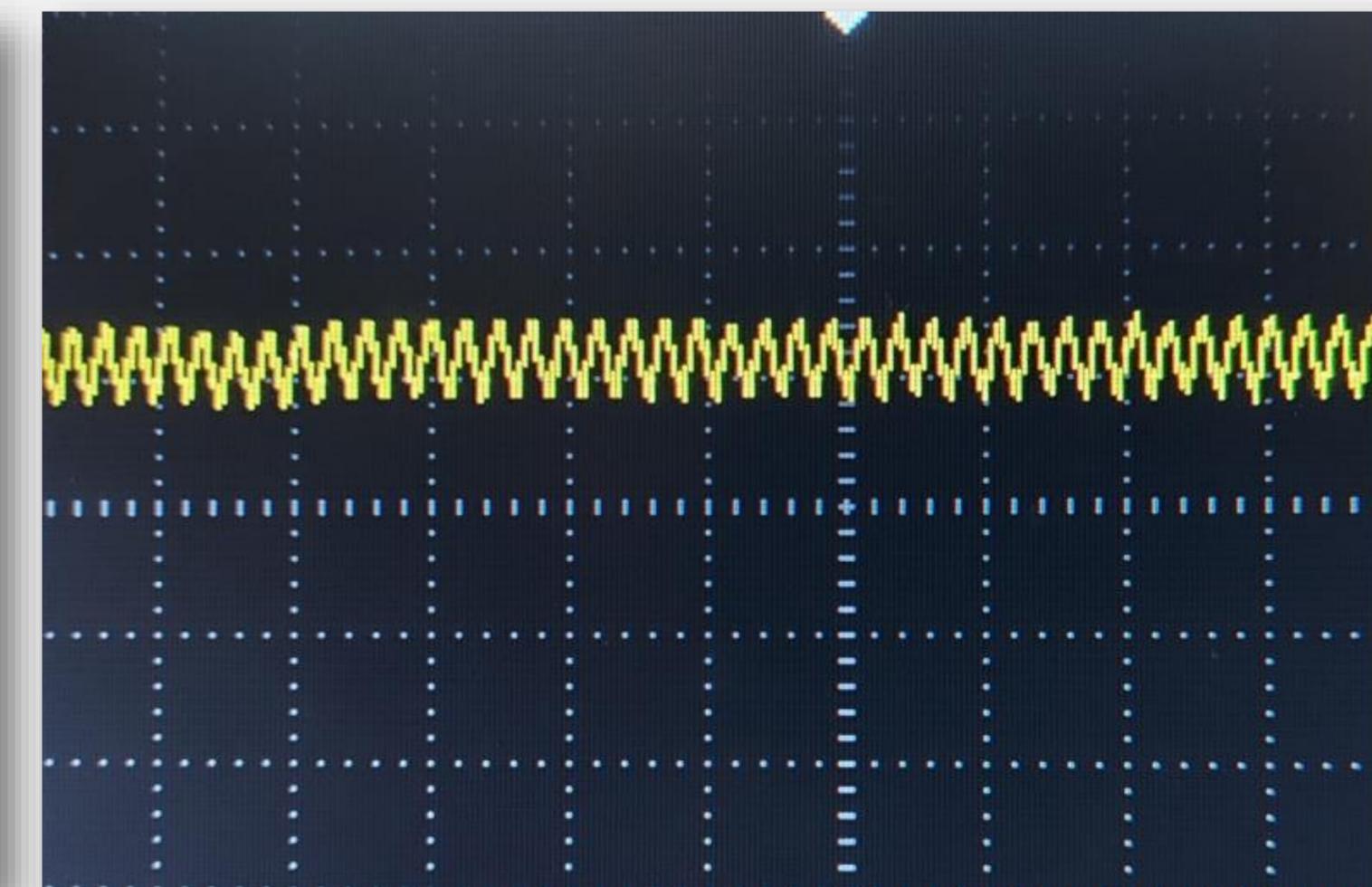
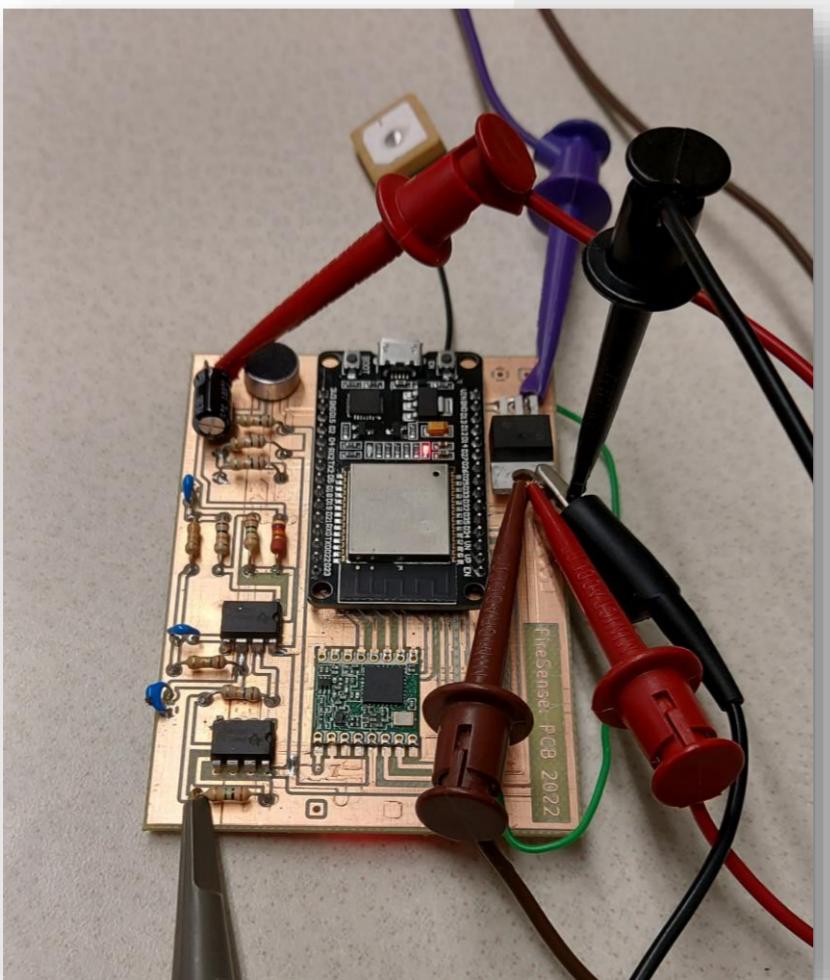
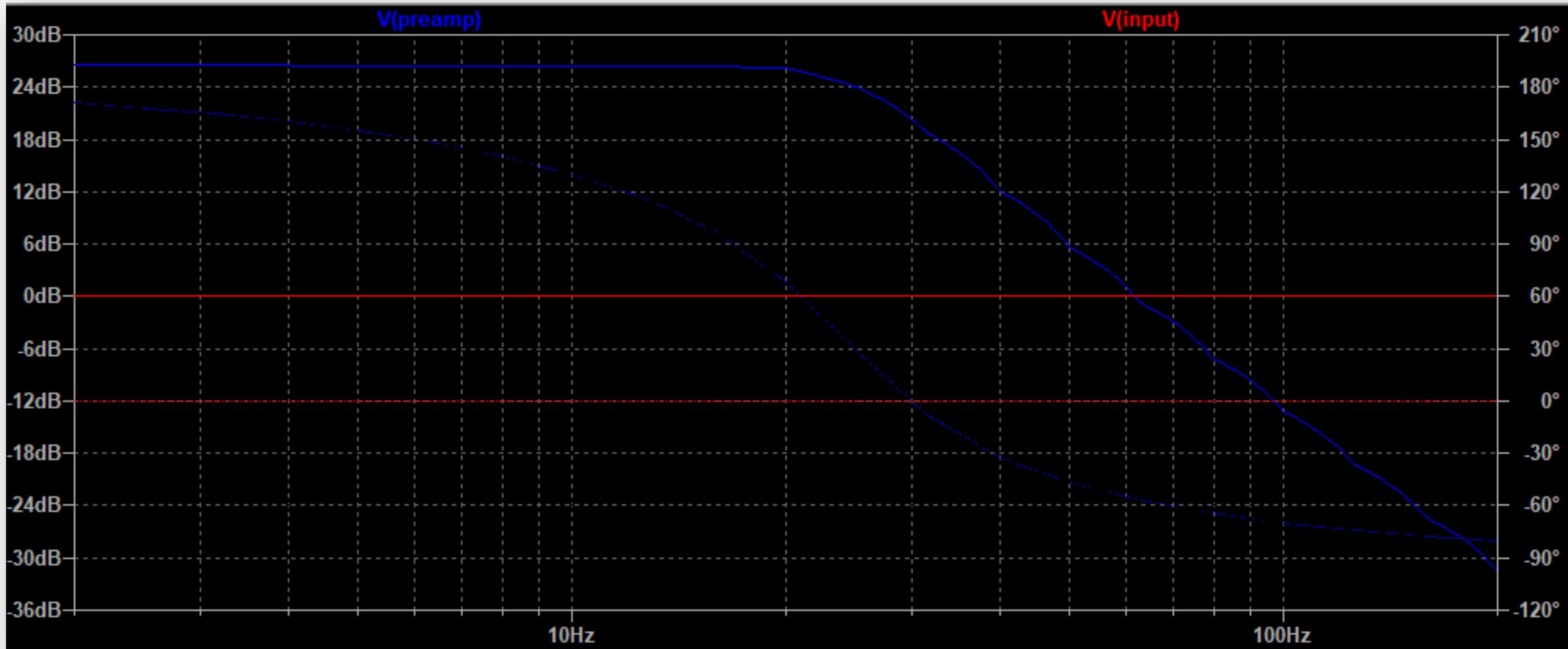
# SIGNAL FILTERING



- Sallen-Key Topology
- Low-pass configuration
- Properly scalable

# FILTER VALIDATION

- Arbitrary waveform generator
- Oscilloscope values vs simulated attenuation levels



# DESIGN VALIDATION PLAN – ELECTRICAL

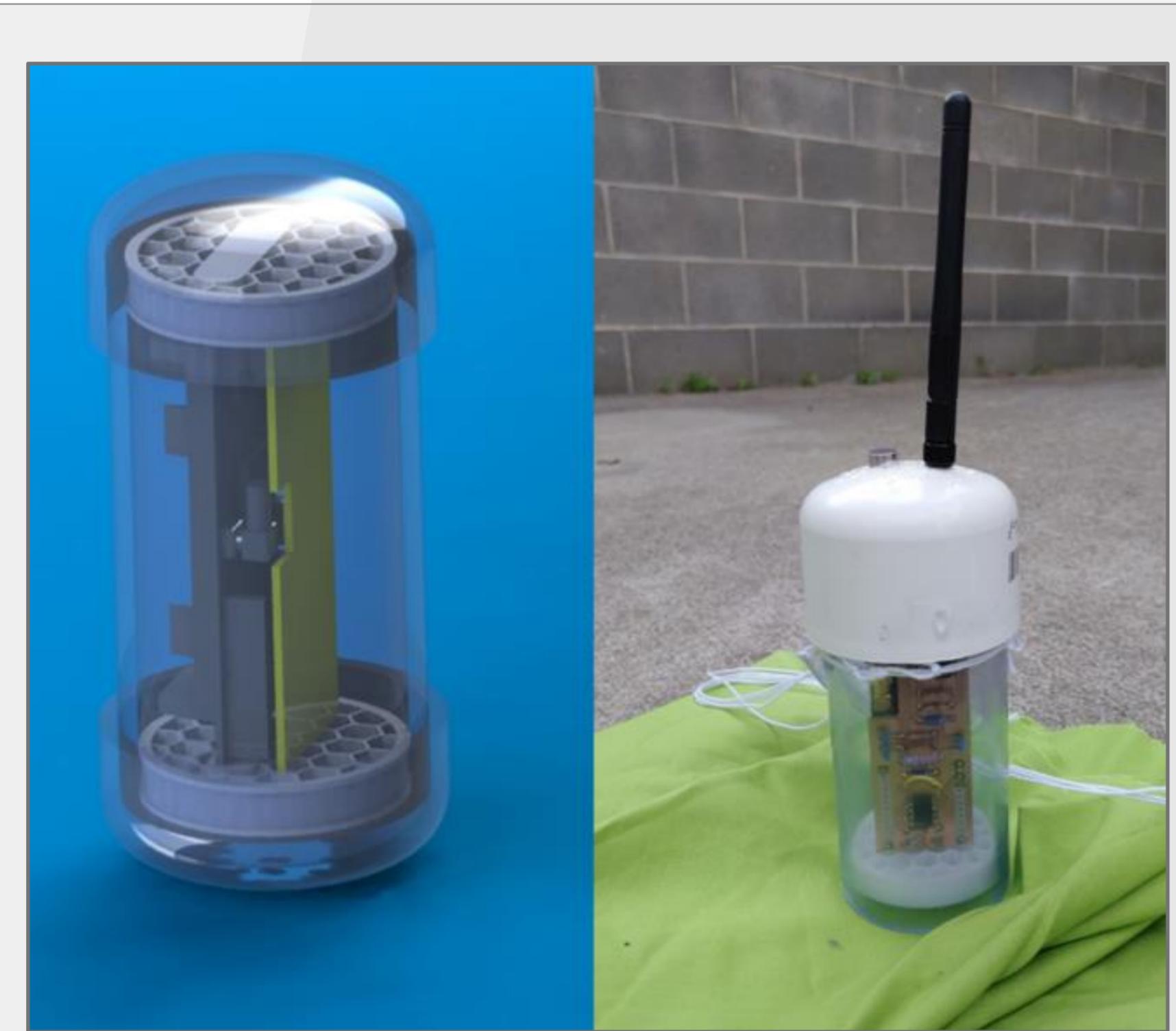


Requirement	Test	Test Subject	Target Date	Result	Recommendation
Constant voltage bus level at or below 3.3V	Circuit analysis with chosen battery component	Battery Array	2/18/22	Voltage bus varies from 3.75V-4.35V	Include a 3.3V regulator between the battery array and the rest of the system
Target per-unit cost reduction (>=20%)	Previous design per-unit cost averaged \$50	Prototype (Electrical System)	4/15/22	Current design per-unit cost averages \$32, resulting in a 36% cost reduction	Bare chip design would further reduce per-unit cost, but can't be done in-house
Target power source lifetime of 30 days (730 hours)	Calculate max power consumption of full system and extrapolate	Prototype (Electrical System)	3/18/22	Ongoing	The modular battery array can be expanded to provide more capacity
Detection of characteristic low frequency signature (sub-20 Hz)	Produce artificial input signal to test Chebyshev filtering	Chebyshev Filter	4/7/22	Schematic error: -3.3V required on 3rd op-amp V- terminal  Attenuation of ~-40 mV signal from 20 Hz to ~-10 mV at 80 Hz	Update circuit schematic with corrections  Reduce gain on inverting amplifier circuit

# PAYLOAD DESIGN

# PROBLEM STATEMENT

## PROTECT THE ELECTRONICS SYSTEM



Last Year's Prototype:

Water-tight | Inexpensive | Robust

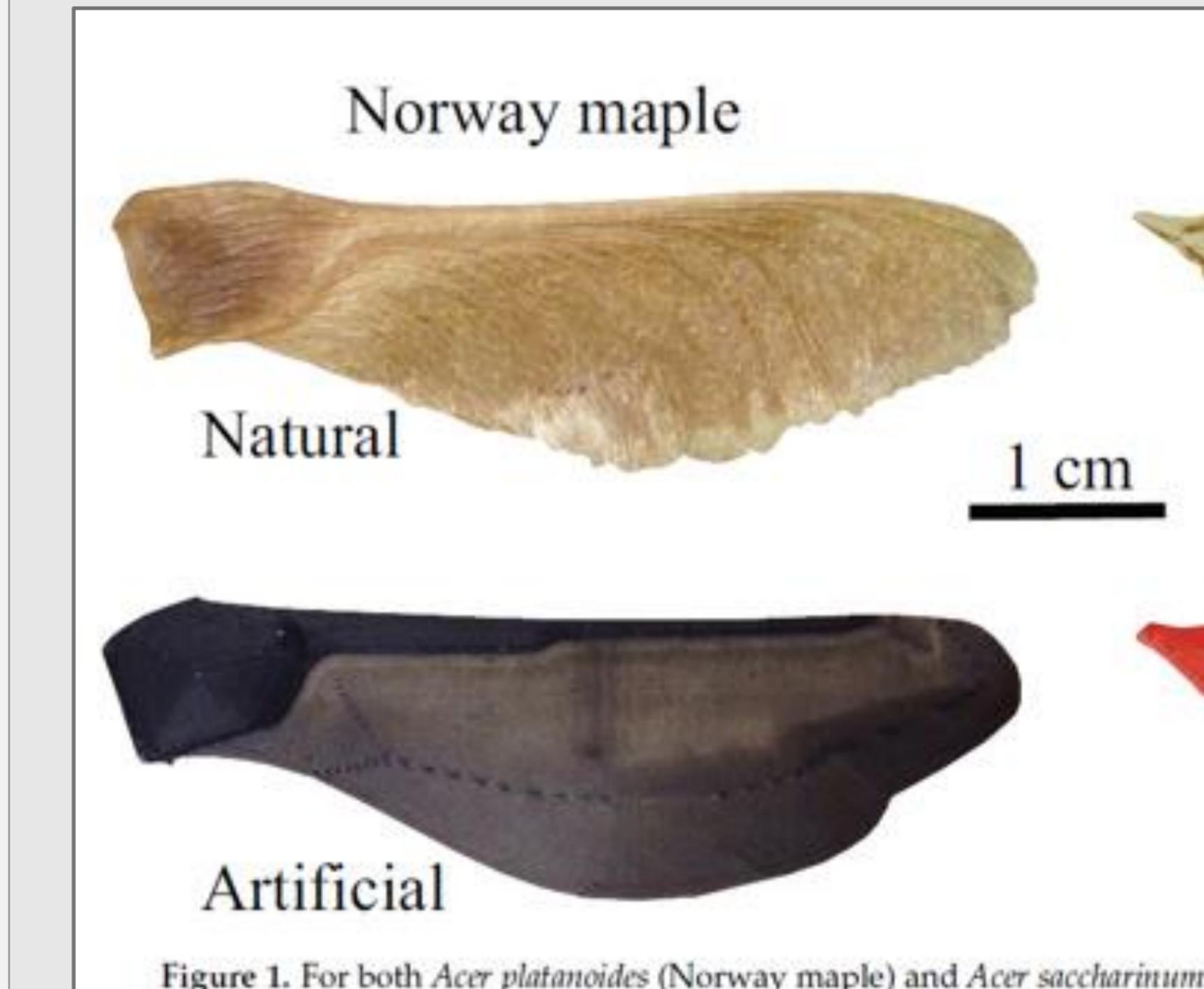


Figure 1. For both *Acer platanoides* (Norway maple) and *Acer saccharinum* (sugar maple)

Samara (Maple) Seed:

Reduces Velocity | One Mechanical Body | Rapid Manufacturability

# PAYLOAD DESIGN/STRUCTURE

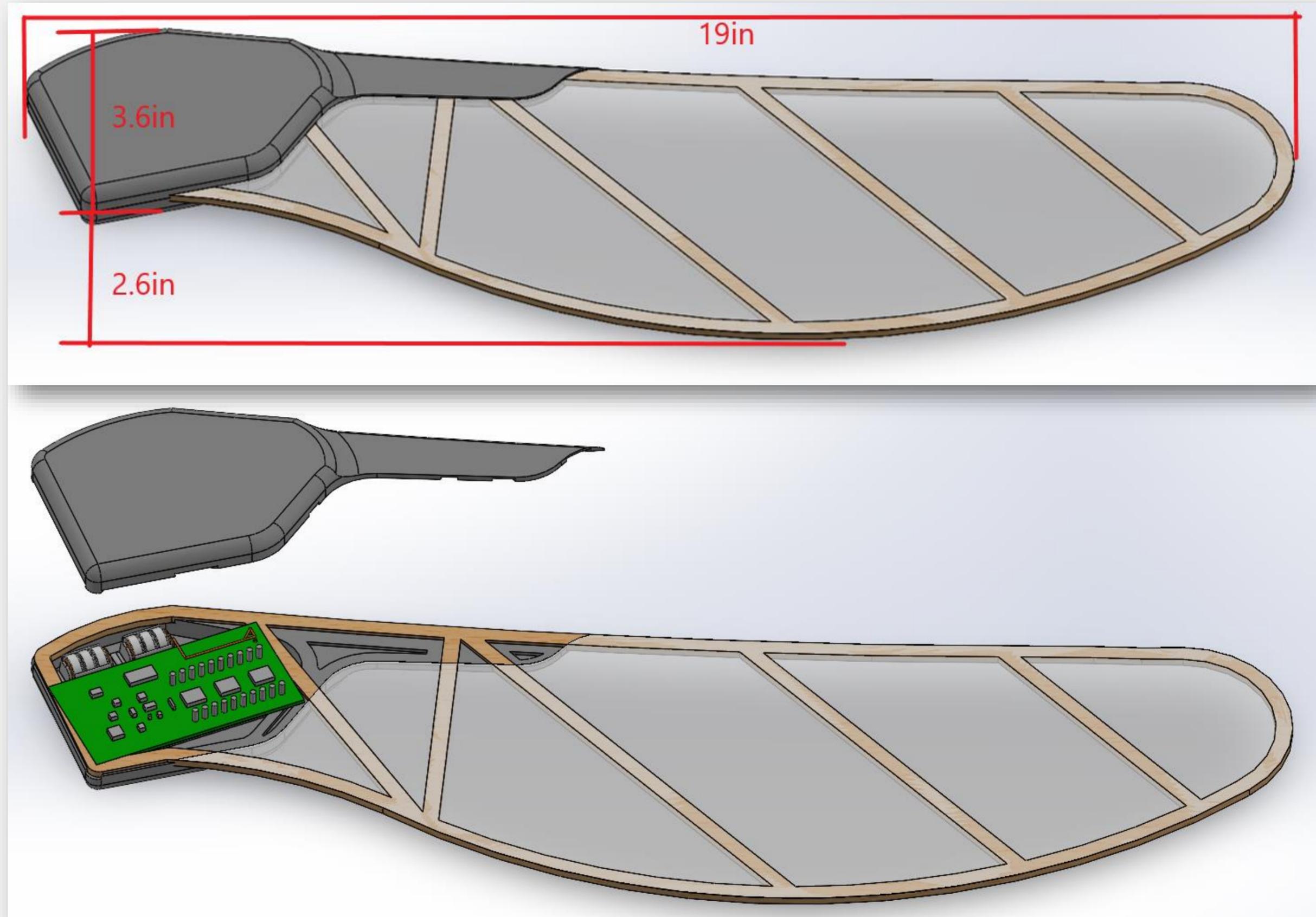
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## Key Principles:

- Center of Mass
- Center of Pressure
- Wing Shape and Size

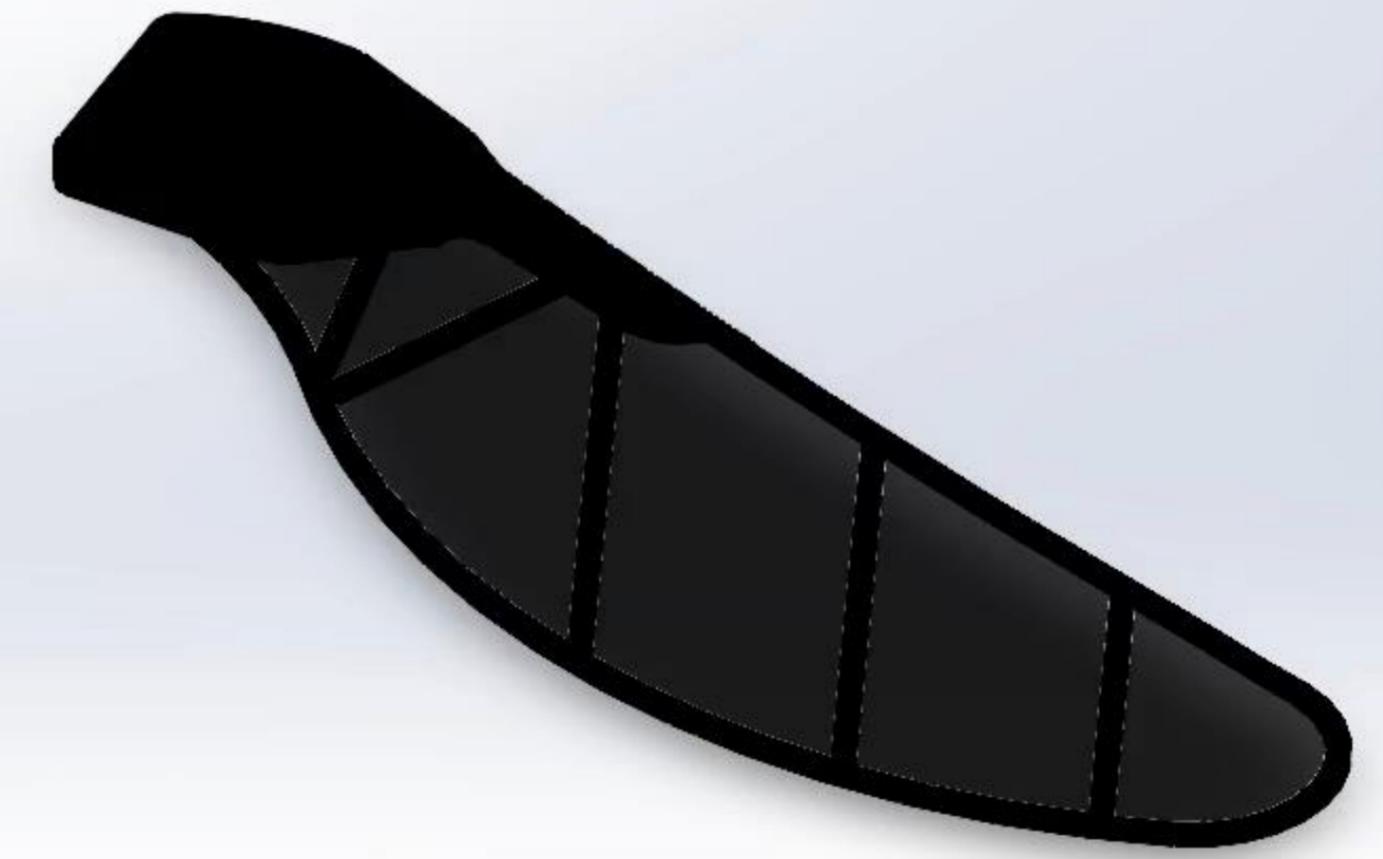
## Placement

- PCB → Nut
- Batteries → Nut, Edge
- Wing → Skeleton, Skin



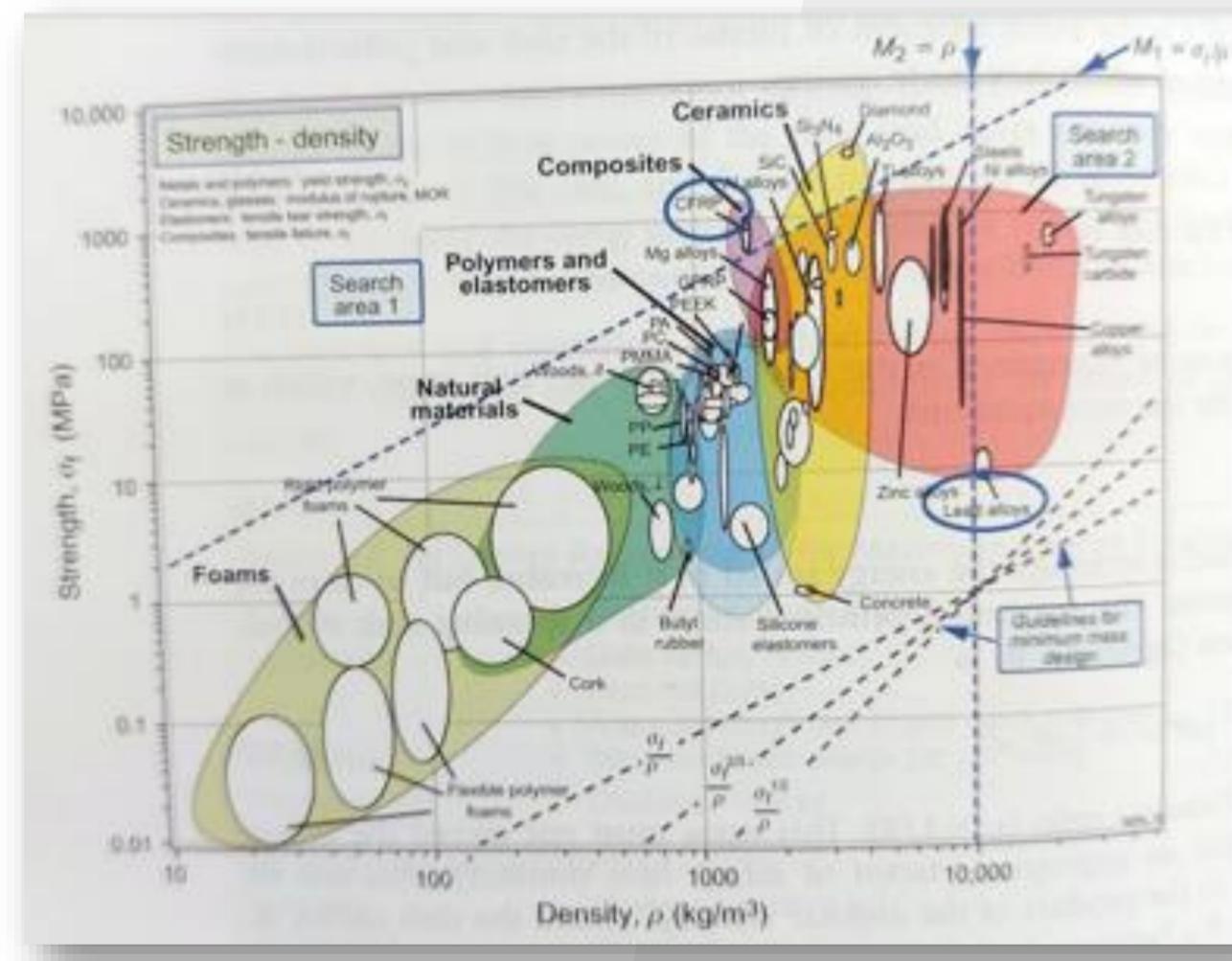
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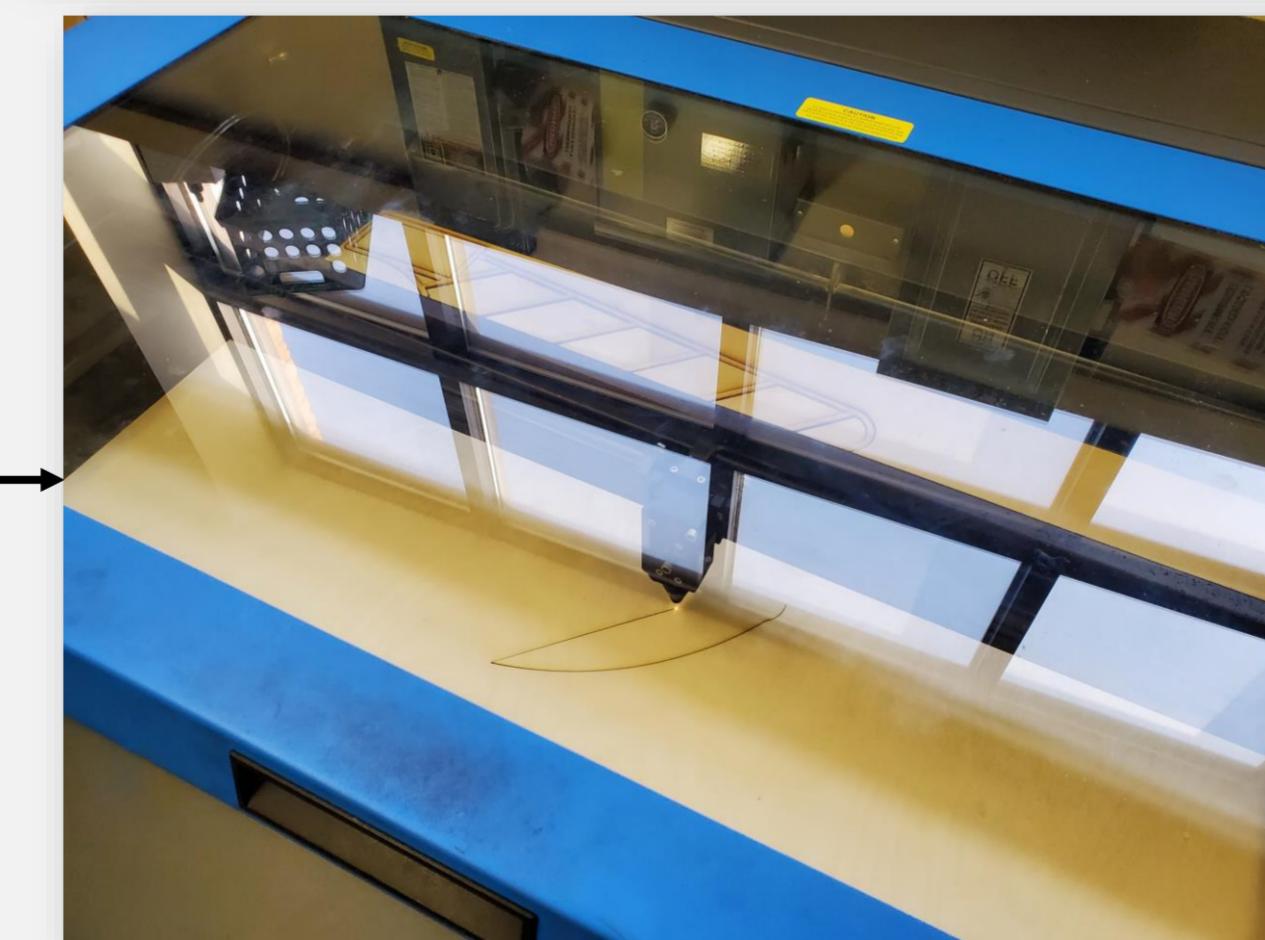
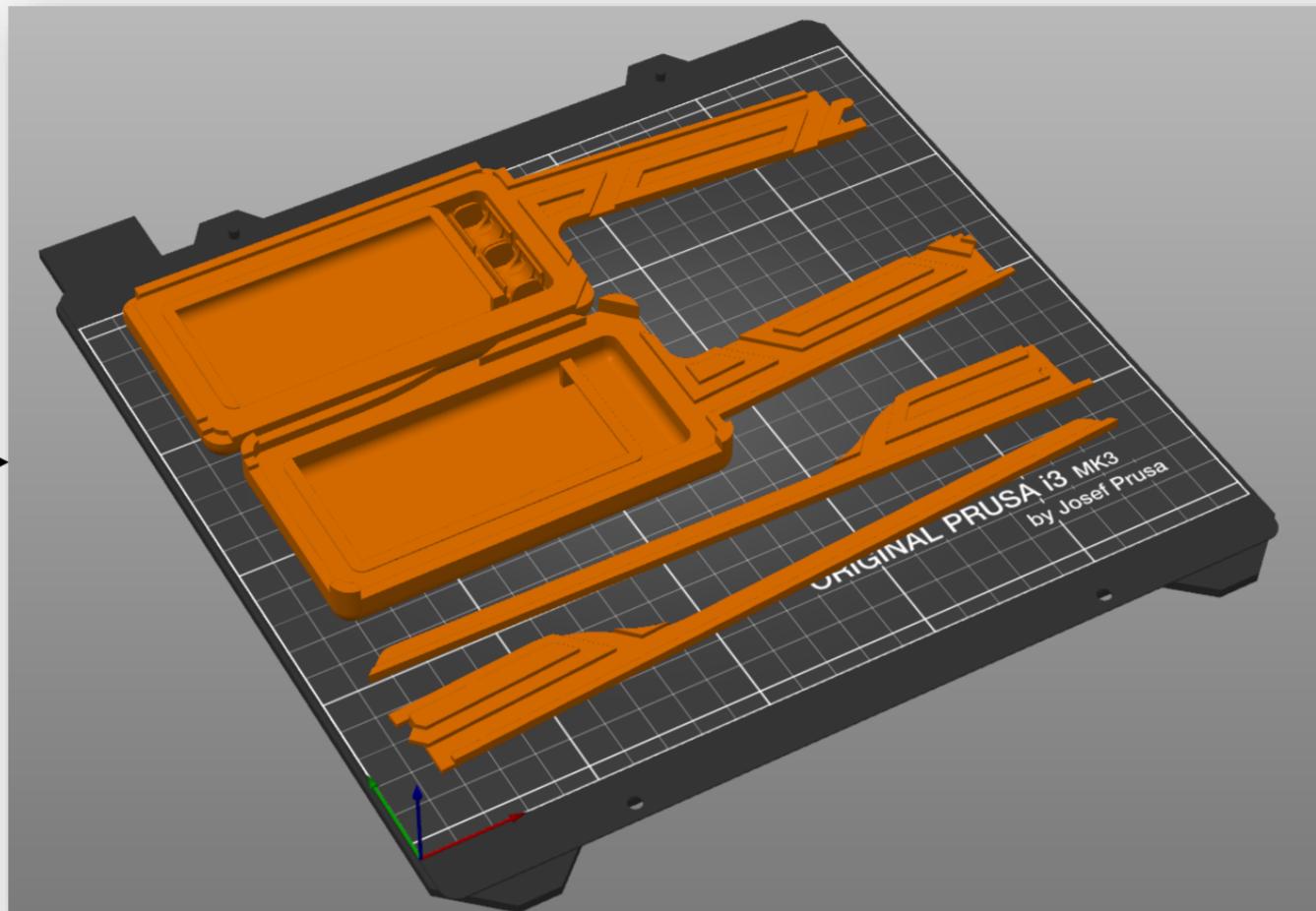
# MATERIALS AND MANUFACTURING

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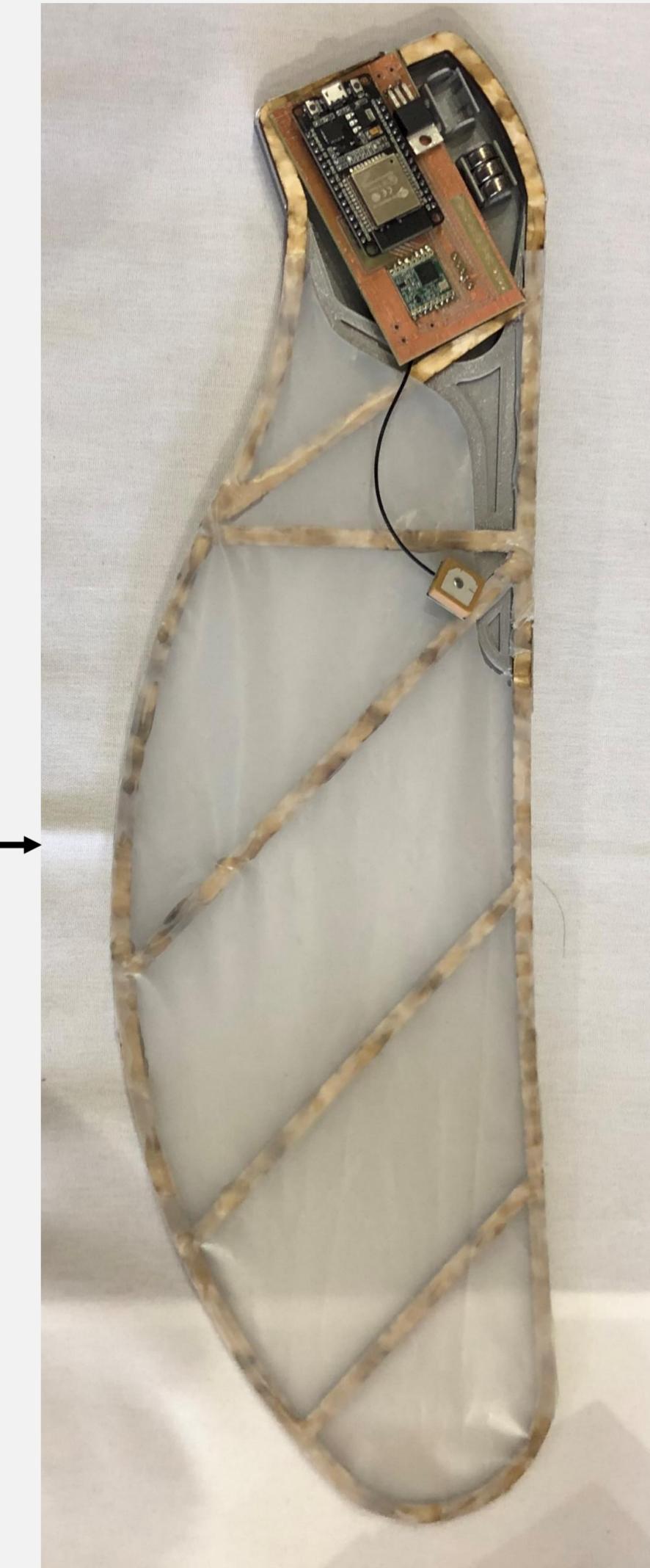


$$M = \frac{\sigma^3}{\rho}$$

3D Printed PLA Plastic



Laser Cut Birch Wood



# TESTING: EXPERIMENTAL MODELS

## 1/5 SIZE DROP TESTS – IDEAL WING SHAPE

Wing Shape A

Typical maple seed shape



Wing Shape B

Wider wing



Wing Shape C

Longer wing



- Drops from 18.5ft
- Conditions calm with gusts

# TESTING: EXPERIMENTAL MODELS

## 1/2 SIZE DROP TESTS

### Drop Testing Conditions:

18.5ft, clear wind, 6 tests

Average drop time: 2.44s

Impact Velocity: 7.6ft/s



### Why:

- Fall time and velocity
- Weight distribution
- Fall time scaling



# TESTING: FULL ASSEMBLY

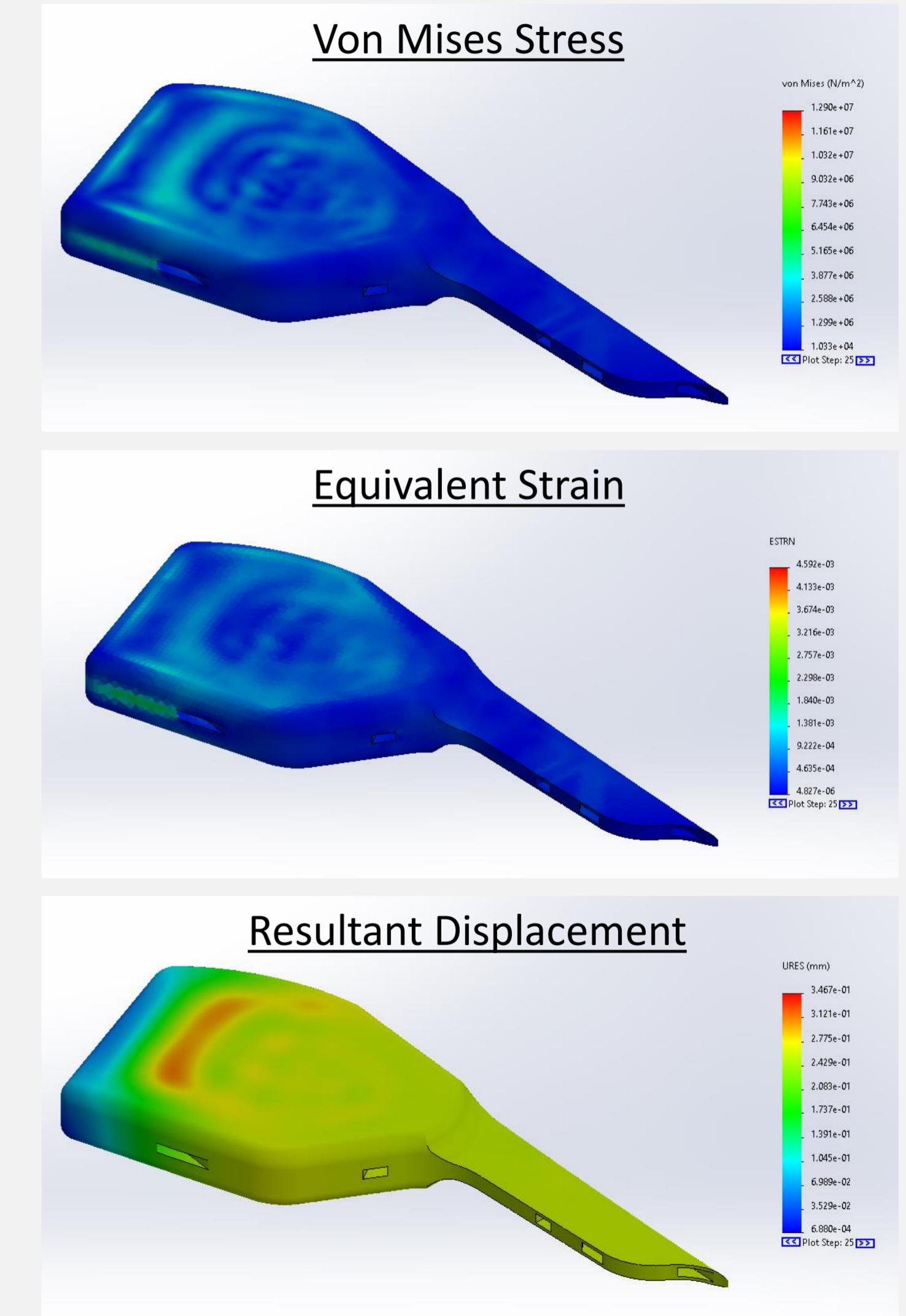
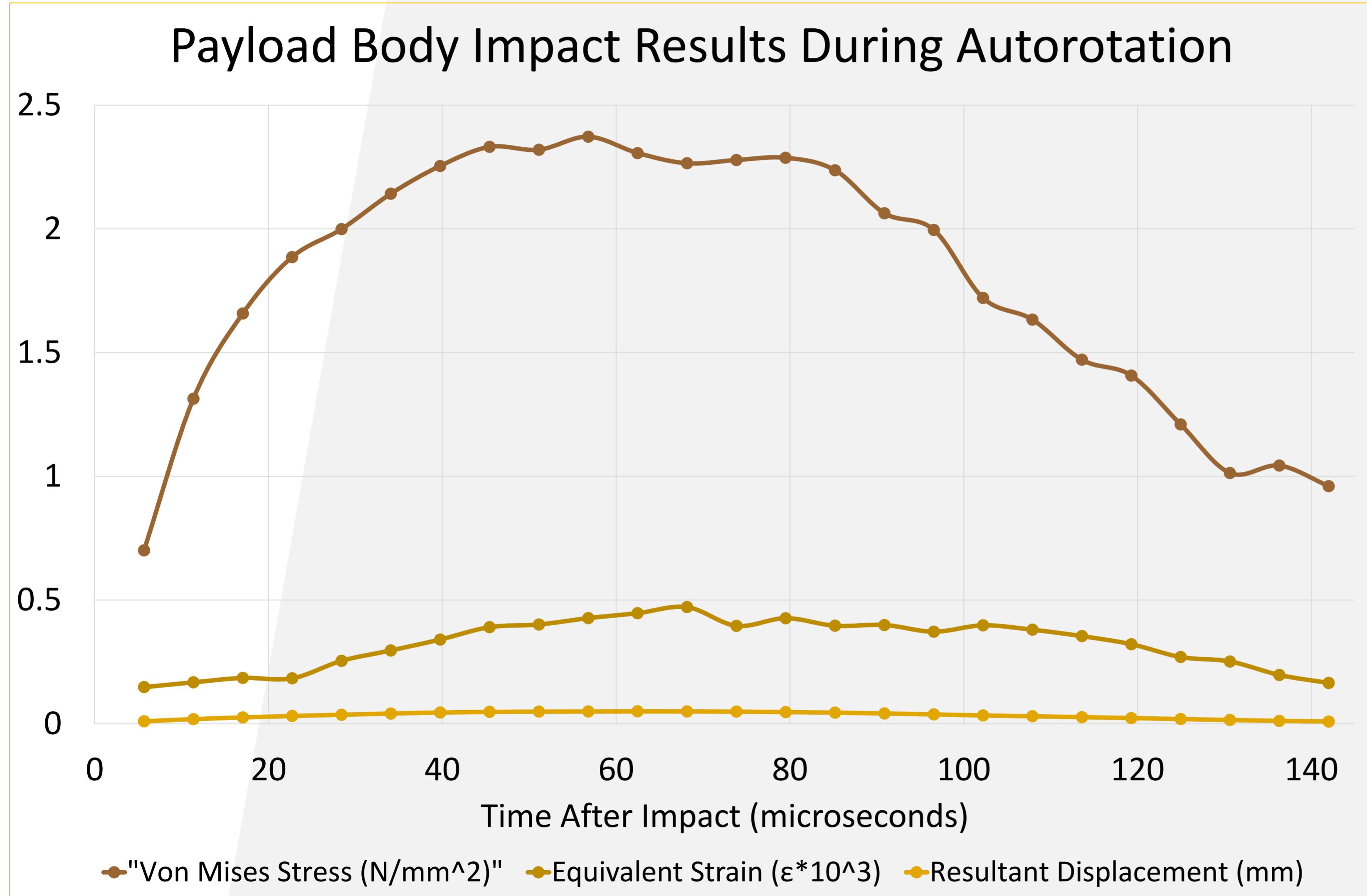
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## Drop Testing Results

- Impact Velocity: **1.83m/s**
- Impact Angle: **29.3°**



# IMPACT SIMULATION



Tensile Yield Strength: 37.6MPa – 59.3MPa | Equivalent Strain: 0.016 $\epsilon$  – 0.026 $\epsilon$

# DESIGN VALIDATION PLAN – MECHANICAL

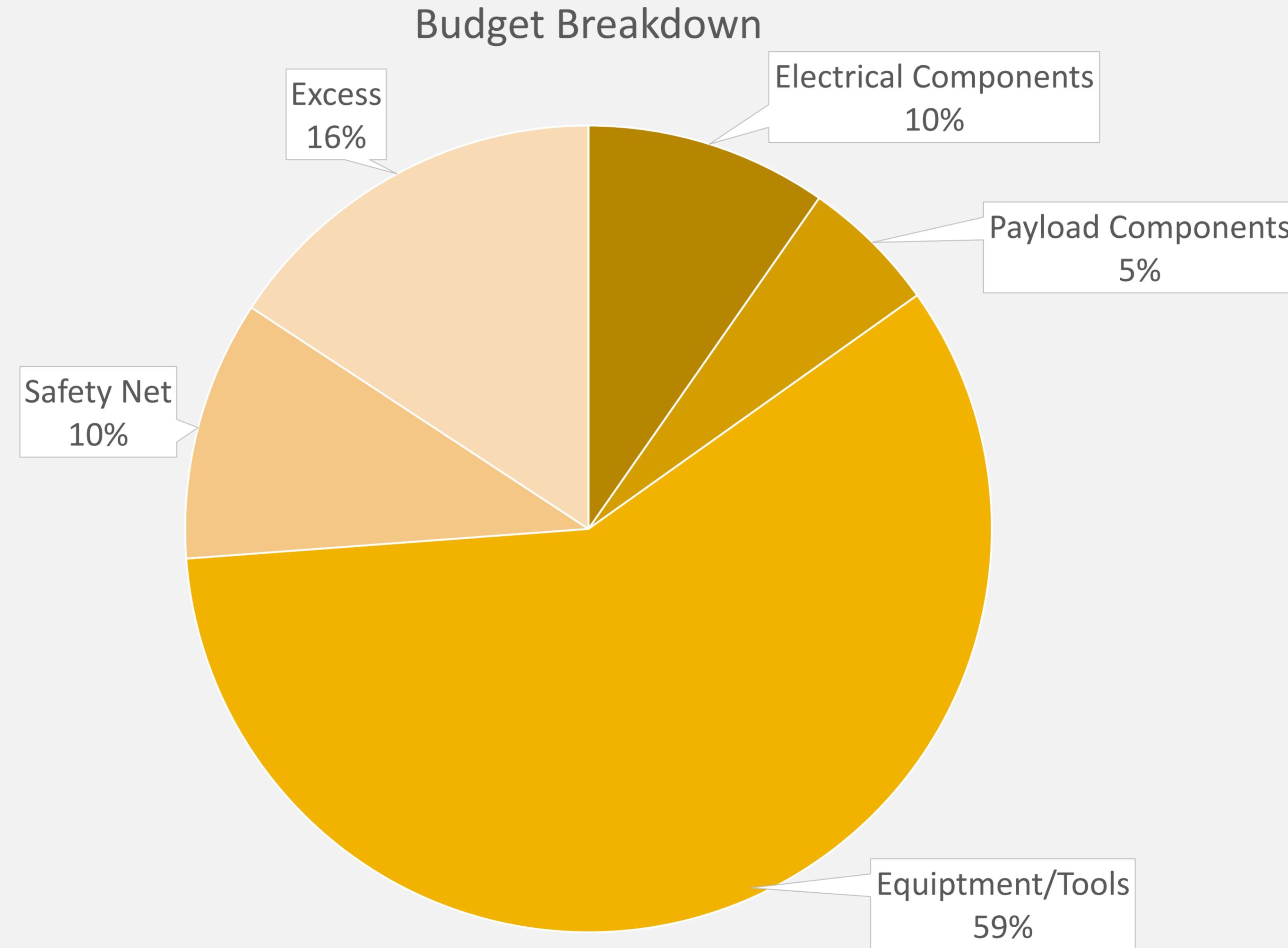


Requirement	Test	Test Subject	Target Date	Result	Recommendation
Investigate Samara Flight Characteristics	6ft Drop	Balsa Samara	12/23/2021	Multiple fractures in nut section.	Print plastic housing structure for sensor area and to distribute weight.
Reduce Velocity of Falling Payload	14ft Drop Tests	Samara's A, B, C, D	2/16/2022	Samara A and B selected for consideration	Test ½ models off shapes A and B
Protect Payload Electronics	14ft, 32ft Drop Tests	½ Scale Samara's	2/24/2022	Samara shape A was increased for drop testing outdoors and indoors.	Increase fracture resistance in nut. Expand wings larger than shape A.
Full System Integration Testing	32ft Drop Tests	Full Scale Samara	4/24/2022	No Rotation Achieved	Nut seems too heavy for nut-to-wing surface area ratio.
½ Scale with PCB Integration	32ft Drop Test	½ Scale Samara	4/27/2022	Orientation-dependent Rotation Achieved	Keep ½ Scale Model nut shape

# PROJECT MANAGEMENT

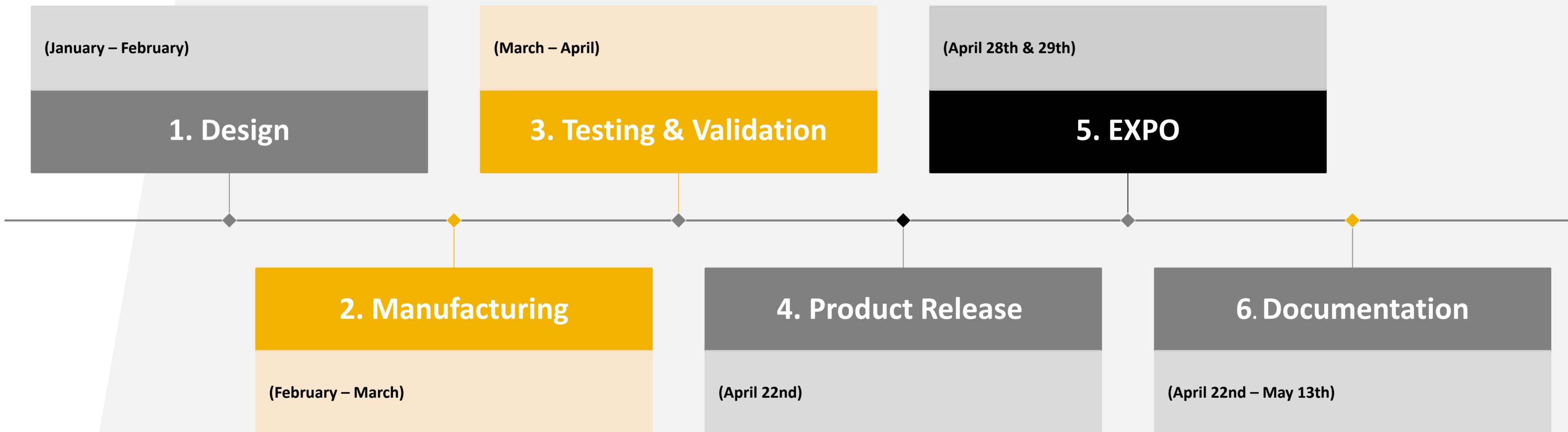
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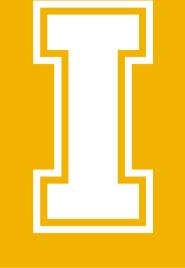


# PROJECT SCHEDULE

## OBJECTIVES FOR THIS YEAR



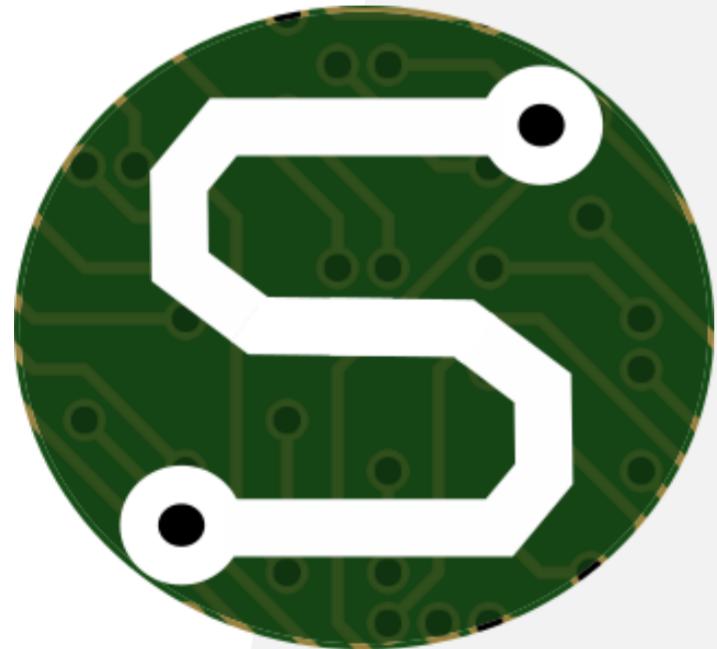
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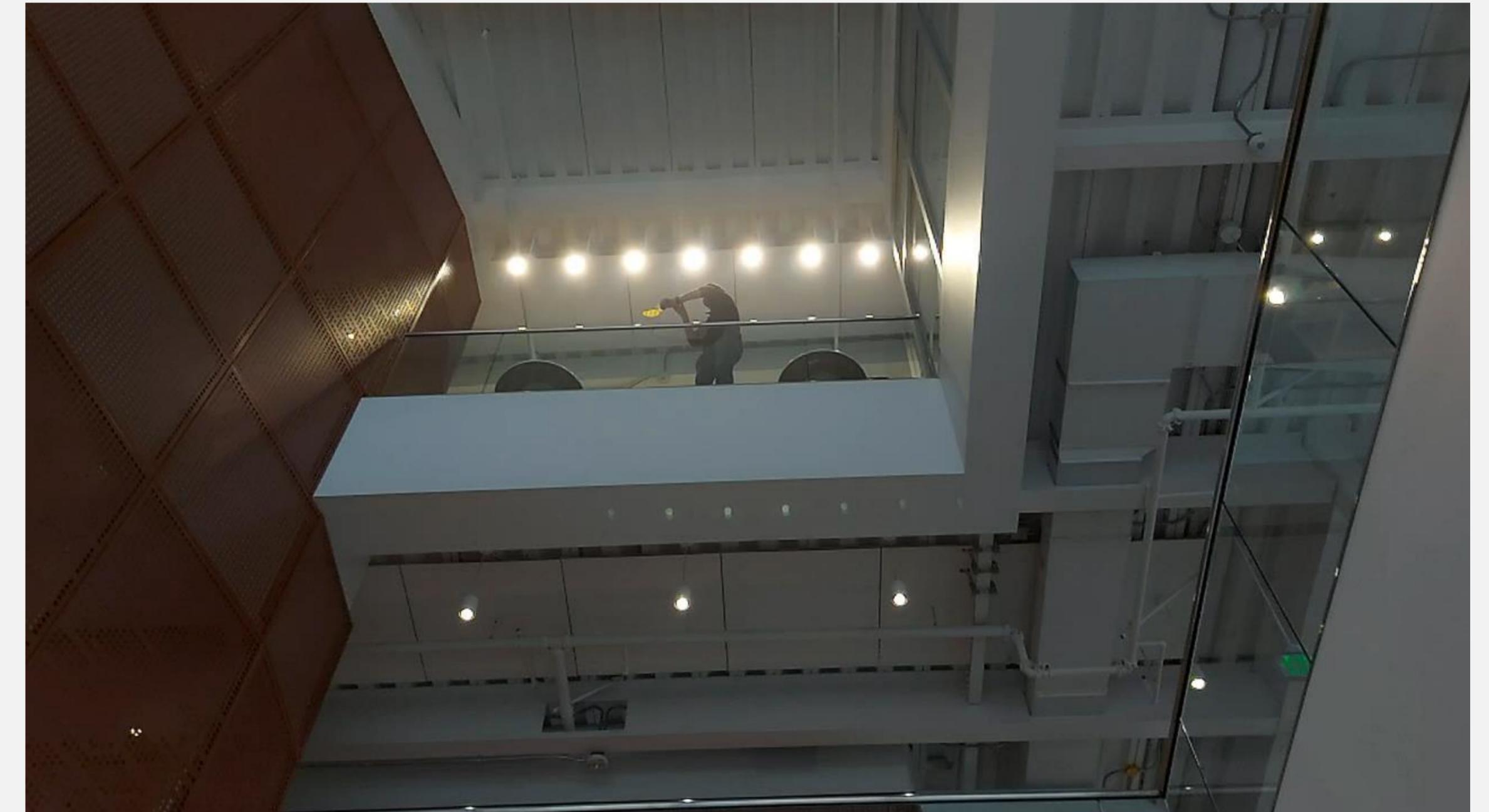
# QUESTIONS?

# atrium 1/2 model – Dart Mode

Rotating Dart



Pure Dart



# OUTSIDE $\frac{1}{2}$ MODEL - DART TO ROTATION



# OUTSIDE $\frac{1}{2}$ MODEL - RANDOM TOSS

